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Museum staff in jobs cut meeting

AROUND 200 members of staff have met over proposals to cut up to 70 jobs at the Black Country Living Museum.

They held the behind-closed-doors meeting at the museum, in Tipton Road, Dudley, yesterday to discuss their response.

A series of alternatives were drawn up to present to chief executive Andrew Lovett today in a bid to avoid job losses.

They hope the recommendations will be considered as part of the ongoing consultation process.

Workers were left stunned when Mr Lovett announced the possible shedding of jobs last week after visitors dropped by around 15 per cent due to bad weather.

There are also plans to close the museum, which employs 239 people, twice a week over the winter to save £250,000 every year.

Mr Lovett said the announcement had been prompted after the museum suffered a poor summer due to the bad weather with visitor numbers down by up to 15 per cent.

The museum, which receives 67,000 pupils and students on educational visits every year, was recently stripped of a £70,000 grant from Dudley Council.

Among the 70 jobs, 40 staff working as costumed guides will be affected.

Thugs ruin 230 shelters

THUGS smashed more than 200 bus shelters in Dudley over the past year.

New figures reveal 230 shelters were targeted in Dudley, at a cost of £13,800. Some 928 of the 5,004 shelters in Wolverhampton, Sandwell, Walsall and Dudley have been damaged by vandals.

It has cost the taxpayer nearly £60,000 to repair or replace them. It happened between the end of March 2011 and the beginning of April this year.

Councillor Judy Foster said the vandalism was "appalling".

WATCHDOG JOINS THEATRE BATTLE

by Adam Burling

ENGLISH Heritage has demanded council chiefs prove there is no "viable use" for the historic Dudley Hippodrome before it is knocked down – as they throw their weight behind a campaign to save it.

Dudley Council wants to demolish the former theatre-turned bingo hall in Castle Hill and replace it with a 120-space car park. But English Heritage has slammed the plans, which it says would "neither preserve nor enhance the character or appearance" of Dudley town centre. Campaigners have drawn up a business plan for the future of the site, which is currently being read by council chiefs.

Inspector of ancient monuments Ian George called on the authority to justify knocking the building down.

Mr George said the building is an "important landmark" for visitors journeying into and out of the town.

He added: "In our view the use of the site as a car park would not deliver such benefits particularly bearing in mind the availability of other sites in the near vicinity."

Marketing

"If the council were seeking to justify the demolition of the building it would, in our view, be necessary to demonstrate that appropriate marketing had been carried out and that no viable use for the building had been found."

Friends of Dudley Hippodrome are hoping to stop the demolition after submitting a proposal of their own for the building, which has been lying empty for three years, since being vacated by Gala Bingo.

The campaigners have already handed in a business plan to councillors for running the building as a theatre and will deliver a detailed financial report by the end of October.

Friends chairman Geoff Fitzpatrick said the backing of English Heritage was "very positive" for the campaign.

"It think this news recognises this is a significant building for Dudley," he said.

Council regeneration chief Councillor Shaikat Ali has said the demolition application will not impact on discussions with the campaigners over the building's future.

The council has said it would prefer a new "leisure building" to take its place and last week revealed artist's impressions.

The Hippodrome opened in 1938 with Judy Garland, Ken Dodd and Laurel and Hardy among those to grace the stage.

Town honours The Few



RAF cadets march through Dudley town in honour of the Battle of Britain veterans



The Rev Andrew Wickens receives the standards at St Thomas and St Luke's Church

VETERANS from the Battle of Britain were honoured at an annual commemoration in Dudley.

Hundreds of people gathered along the High Street as veterans paraded with RAF cadets through the town centre.

Those taking part reached St Thomas and St Luke's Church, known as Top Church, for the Battle of Britain Thanksgiving Service led by Rev Andrew Wickens. Standard-bearers formed a guard of honour the

veterans entered the church. They were joined by other dignitaries for the service including the Mayor of Dudley, Councillor Melvyn Mottram, who gave a reading.

Mr Wickens said: "We are giving thanks for the valiant few, who against all odds, set their lives against aggression and preserved a breathing space for freedom in the world."

Events concluded with a parade back to the Dudley Cenotaph, in Ednam Road. Mr Wickens led the ceremonial part of the day.

Hope of new site to home Heathens

DUDLEY Heathens have been offered a possible new site to build its long-awaited stadium.

Club officials have been approached by a landowner who highlighted the site as somewhere the speedway track could be built.

Heathens chairman Nigel Pearson has declined to reveal the location apart from saying it was within a 12 mile radius of their former Cradley home.

But he welcomed the approach by the as yet unnamed landowner and said the club was exploring the land offer.

"All we are doing at the moment is pushing forward with the plans. It is slow progress but we are pleased with the way it is going so far," said Mr Pearson.

"It is piece of land that has been identified to us by a landowner and we are looking into it."

Dudley Heathens have held race meetings at Wolverhampton's Monmore Green stadium and in Birmingham. Supporters have always dreamed of a return to the track in Dudley and preferably close to their original Dudley Wood Stadium.

Yeltz coach wheels scare

A COACH carrying players, staff and fans from Halesowen Town football club was involved in a motorway accident after its wheels came off as they travelled back from a game.

Club owner Steve Lynch, who was driving the coach, has been hailed a hero after managing to steer it to safety on the M5 near West Bromwich, avoiding a serious crash.

Mr Lynch was driving the Yeltz back from their 2-2 FA Trophy draw at Biggleswade on Saturday when two near-side back wheels came off.

The 51-seater coach, which was full of players, staff, board members and fans, skidded towards the hard shoulder with Mr Lynch managing to steer it to safety.

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Sadness at closure of village church

A CHURCH steeped in history on the edge of the Black Country has closed.

The closure has brought sadness for parishioners and a pensioner whose family originally sold it to become a church for the equivalent of 25p.

The church of St Oswald and St Wulstan at Clent, near Stourbridge, has become victim of a "good housekeeping" drive by the

Birmingham Roman Catholic Archdiocese. But, as parishioners prepare to open for the last time for a mass of thanksgiving and commemoration, they have not lost all hope that their campaign to save it might change the minds of church leaders.

Pat Woodward, whose father-in-law sold the Tudor, Grade II listed building - originally a malt house supplying the brewing industry -

to the Roman Catholic Church for five shillings in 1926, said: "It's a part of village life and I'm terribly sad it has closed." Patsy Mullins, aged 81, who lives near the church in Holy Cross Green, Clent, and has been a regular worshipper there for more than 50 years, said: "It's so very sad. It was full every Sunday."

Mrs Woodward, who also lives in Holy Cross Green, said: "We were

only told five weeks before the church closed on August 25 that it was shutting because there was no priest available."

Birmingham Archdiocese press secretary Peter Jennings said: "It's much broader than just not having a priest available."

"The closure of Clent Church is part of an overall plan to look at the whole resources of the diocese as a piece of good housekeeping."

Archives centre to be ready next year

THE new £6 million archives centre in Dudley will be completed next July - as the town's revamp takes a step forward.

Work is ploughing ahead on the site next to the Black Country Living Museum in Tipton Road, Dudley.

Dudley Council's archives service will relocate from its building in Coseley and when the new one opens it will also be used to store documents for neighbouring Sandwell Council.

Hoardings around the building site have been decorated with old pictures and now visitors can keep an eye on how work is going.

The centre is expected to open next summer and will provide IT and public Wi-Fi services, education and conference rooms, a hi-tech conservation studio, a rare books library and research area a well equipped search room and free parking.

The centre is being part funded by the European Regional Development Fund, as part of their funding for the redevelopment of the Castle Hill area of Dudley. Councillor Khurshid Ahmed, said: "We look forward to the service moving into the new centre."

Olympic stars turn out to town's first fun run

OLYMPIC stars were the special guests as they greeted throngs of runners and handed out medals for Halesowen's first road race.

Around 450 runners, including dozens of families, took to the start line for the inaugural fun run through the town's streets.

Team GB stars Kristian Thomas and Jess Varnish were joined by Paralympians Jordanne Whitley and Helen Scott at the event at the weekend along with torch bearer Lyndon Flavel.

The charity 5k race was the brainchild of Rotarian Alan Bowler of Halesowen and Rowley Regis Rotary Club. Organisers said they were delighted with the turnout.

Runners were introduced to the famous Midland Olympic and Paralympic athletes by Mr Bowler before the race was started by the Mayor of Dudley, Councillor Melvyn Mottram.

Magistrates told a 22-year-old father to grow up and stop behaving like a hooligan.

Luke Smith, of Chichester Avenue, Netherthorn, admitted damaging a bedroom cupboard door at the home of Emma Morgan and causing £350 damage to a custody cell door at Brierley Hill police station.

Dudley magistrates told him to do a 21-day activity course focusing upon issues like power and control and non-abusive behaviour.

He was also put under the supervision of the probation service for 12 months and ordered to pay £75 compensation for the damage to the cupboard and £350 for the cell door as well as £85 costs.

Presiding magistrate Barbara Sykes told him: "You need to act your age and grow up. You are the father of a child and you are behaving like a hooligan."

Mrs Suki Rai, prosecuting, said police were called to Emma Morgan's home in Duncan Edwards Close, Dudley, on June 20. Officers found a hole in a bedroom cupboard, which he admitted he had punched.

Mr Jahangeer Aslam, for Smith, said his client accepted he had temper problems.

Medals

The athletes then helped give out medals to runners as they crossed the line. Cyclist Jess Varnish, who is a member of Halesowen Cycling Club with Helen Scott, said she enjoyed the day.

"It is incredible being able to see people take part. The Olympics really have inspired a generation," the 21-year-old said.

Bronze medallist Kristian, who trains at Earls Gymnastics Club, Halesowen, said he was overwhelmed by the public reaction.

"You saw what it was like for the Olympics and Paralympics and it has been absolutely amazing to see the support we have had and to see everyone down here is great," said the 23-year-old, of Wolverhampton

● Hero - Page 5



Bottom, Jess Varnish, Jordanne Whitley, Helen Scott, with Kristian Thomas, mayor and mayoress Melvyn and Michelle Mottram and Lyndon Flavel

Homemade food show

HOMEMADE food and drink will be showcased alongside a range of crafts at a show in Halesowen this month.

The Laurels Club, in Windmill Hill, Cradley, is hosting its first craft and produce event on September 29.

The exhibition opens at 1pm. Cakes, wines and preserves will be on display alongside flower arrangements, paintings and other crafts.

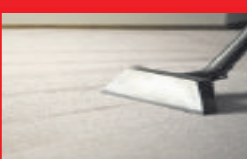
Entry forms are available on 0121 602 1812 or can be found at www.the-laurels.webeden.co.uk

Inquest verdict

A HALESWOVEN woman died in hospital days after falling from her bed, an inquest heard.

The coroner recorded a verdict of accidental death, contributed to by natural causes on Kathleen Stevenson, aged 82, of Chatsworth Road, who died at Russells Hall Hospital, Dudley.

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Injured horse is dumped

A HORSE suffering from severe head injuries was abandoned in a field and later died.

The female piebald cob collapsed within hours of being found and vets were unable to save her, RSPCA officials said.

She was found in a field in Ismere, between Kidderminster and Stourbridge, staggering and soaking wet with a bleeding gash to the head.

The RSPCA was alerted by a caller who told them the horse was unable to support herself and was leaning against a stable door.

When an inspector contacted the caller, the cob had collapsed. A vet was called to administer emergency treatment. It was found the horse, believed to be around two-years-old, had severe neurological damage which could not be treated.

An investigation has now been launched to find the owners. RSPCA officials said they believed it was most likely the animal had been dumped in the field.

Inspector Rachel Hayward said: "I am completely shocked someone would be so callous and cowardly to dump a sick horse to die in a field. It was clear the horse required urgent veterinary attention."

Award for pharmacist

A PHARMACIST in Dudley has won a top award for her work with neurology patients.

Dr Janine Barnes, a neurology specialist pharmacist, is the Royal Pharmaceutical Society's Clinical Pharmacist of the Year.

The award was given for her work setting up a clinic for neurology patients, in particular those with Parkinson's disease, in Dudley.

The clinic means patients are now reviewed more regularly and closer to home, without the need for a regular hospital appointment.

Grant for centre

A STOURBRIDGE advice and counselling centre is battling back from financial difficulties after securing more funding.

The What Centre faced an uncertain future after Dudley Council withdrew a £47,000 annual grant two years ago. But the centre, in Coventry Street, has received a £1,234 grant.

Builder seeks to allay residents' concerns

A HOUSEBUILDER behind a controversial 175 home development in a village has hit back over concerns from residents.

Cala Homes says there have been "misconceptions" about its scheme for the new homes to be built in Hagley, near Stourbridge.

Regional managing director Darren Humphreys said the region was facing a major housing shortage which council officials wanted to address.

He said the firm would spend around £1.7m to pay for improvements to roads and boost education in the village to cope with the influx of new residents.

Mr Humphreys said: "We believe that this development provides significant benefits for Hagley and it is essential that schemes such as this go ahead in order to meet the future housing needs of local people."

He added: "We have listened to those concerns and are keen to put their minds at rest. We are facing a major housing shortage."

The site is part of the 350-acre Hagley Hall estate and is bordered by the A456 Kidderminster Road and the A491 Stourbridge Road.

Cala Homes say Bromsgrove District Council's own assessment identified the need for between 6,800 and 7,000 new

houses over the next 18 years. Residents, who held a meeting last week to air their views on the plans, say nearby routes including Kidderminster Road were already choked by traffic, without new commuters coming to live in the area.

But Mr Humphreys said Cala will spend £1m on improvement works, adding: "The new development will increase traffic at peak times by less than one per cent."

"This work will improve the traffic flow so that peak period queues are reduced. Without the development, this improvement work will not go ahead."

"There simply aren't the funds available."

Mr Humphreys continued: "This is a phased development over four to five years, so the increase in new residents will be gradual. As such, we do not expect the impact on the admissions for each school year to be significant."

Both Hagley Primary School and Haybridge High School currently take pupils out of the catchment area."

Around 40 per cent of the properties will be affordable homes. The site will also provide 263 jobs during construction and the potential to provide at least 50 jobs in new offices being built.

Campaigners start battle to cut traffic speeds on road

CAMPAIGNERS have launched a bid to slow traffic on a Sedgley road after claiming motorists drive at up to 80mph. They have pressed Dudley Council officers to hold an investigation into safety on Sandyfields Road.

The council say officials would survey the route between Sedgley and Gornal to identify any existing problems with excessive speed. Residents and ward councillors claim motorists speed along the road, especially close to the entrance of Sedgley Golf Centre.

Concerns were raised as the road is often busy with visitors heading to Baggeridge Country Park and children going to nearby Cotwall End Primary School.

Gornal ward councillor Dave Branwood said the issue had first been raised with him during canvassing for the May elections. He claims the problem is worst at night, with residents reporting motorbikes racing at speeds of 70 to 80mph.

"We wanted an investigation into what can be done to put an end to dangerous driving along this stretch of road," he said.

"This was a pledge that I made to people who I spoke to in the run-up to the election and I wanted to follow through with that vow."

"If it is proved that the traffic is reaching excessive

by Andrew Turton

speeds, then a full consultation exercise would take place to gain residents' views."

Councillor Branwood added the consultation would take place before any new measures to calm the speeds were introduced.

Resident John Powell, who lives near the golf course, has written to the council demanding action over the speed vehicles are reaching on the roads.

He said: "The speed of traffic on this road is a constant and serious threat to the lives and safety of all of the residents."

"Outside my house, regularly, I see cars overtaking others in situations that I would not attempt on a motorway, never mind an urban road."

Dudley Council's highways councillor Judy Foster said the authority would be investigating the complaints which have been made.



Dawn and Michael Edge with their dog



Malcolm and Stephanie Gray-Smart



Visitors pack the towpaths along the Dudley No 2 Canal for the boating festival

Brilliant boating bonanza

COLOURFUL narrowboats and huge working boats filled the Dudley waterways for the return of a popular festival.

Around 10,000 descended on Bumble Hole Nature Reserve, Netherton, for the 27th Black Country Boating Festival over the weekend.

The crowds who turned out to get a closer look at the boats were also entertained.

Around 100 narrowboats were bought along the Dudley No2 Canal which serves the nature reserve.

Husband and wife Malcolm and Dawn Edge, aged 61 and 41 respectively, had bought their 71ft long working boat to the festival.

Mr Edge, known to friends in the canal community as Blossom, said it was their seventh time at the event.

"It is like coming home," said Mr Edge who lives in Rugeley. "I used to live with a canal at the bottom of my street. It is not just the boats it is the way of life and traditions that really fascinate me."

Fellow waterways couple, Malcolm and Stephanie Gray-Smart, had dressing in traditional Victorian outfits.

The narrowboat owners, from Market Drayton, decided to attend the event rather than bring their own boat Elisha this year.

Mr Gray-Smart, aged 69, said: "There is always a good atmosphere."

NEWS in brief

Have a say over housing service

RESIDENTS in Dudley can attend a conference to have a say in how housing services in the borough are run.

The event, supported by Dudley Federation of Tenants and Residents Associations, takes place at Brierley Hill Civic Centre on September 22 from 9am to 1pm.

It will focus on how tenants and residents can have a greater say in shaping the service. To book a place call 01384 815168 or email participation@dudley.gov.uk.

Lifesaving skills are being offered

SWIMMERS can learn to save lives skills at a new course in Dudley.

The Royal Life Saving Society (RLSS) national pool lifeguard course runs at the Crystal Leisure Centre, Stourbridge from October 22 to 26 from 3pm to 10.30pm with an exam on October 27 at 6pm.

Participants will receive a course manual and tuition and will be expected to take an exam.

For more details call Nikki Tranter on 01384 812800 or visit www.dudley.gov.uk/sport.

Mammoth ride is a real fundraiser

A COUPLE raised more than £2,000 for charity through a mammoth cycle ride along the length of Britain.

John and Kaye Bonnett pedalled from Lands End to John O'Groats in July.

The Stourbridge pair had set a target to raise £1,000 for Mary Stevens Hospice from the challenge, but ended up with £2,080.

Search for moths and bats at site

A SEARCH for moths and bats will take place at a Dudley nature reserve.

People are invited to Bumble Hole Nature Reserve, Netherton, for the event from 6.45pm on September 20. Traps will be placed to catch moths and there will be a guided tour of the reserve.

Tickets are £3 and available by calling 01384 814100.

Homes planned

HOMES could be built on the site of a 226-year-old former reservoir in Kidderminster.

Fourteen houses are planned for the old Severn Trent reservoir, Sutton Park Road.

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THE BEST OF PETER RHODES



TONY Blair, rumoured to be eager to re-enter politics, has at last given up colouring his hair. He's still dying for attention.

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FOLLOWING last week's item on the lack of public trust in accountants, a reader tells me his company accountant is shy and retiring. He's shy of about £250,000 and that's why he's retiring.

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OFF to our local food festival when the park was stuffed with stalls selling food to people who are already quite well enough stuffed with food. This obesity "epidemic" gets worse by the day. There are people wandering the streets now who, only a few decades ago, would have been attractions in a travelling circus. The cops were doing the community-policing thing, patrolling the food festival, wandering amiably between the hog roasts and Caribbean cuisine stalls. In a sane world they would be standing at the gates and acting as bouncers to protect the larders from their own appetites: "Move along, sir. You've had enough."

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IT IS a well-known fact that a dropped piece of toast always lands butter-side down. A similar law of nature seems to apply to expanding foam, as used by builders to fill embarrassing gaps around door and window frames. A friend bought a monster-sized aerosol of this unbelievably sticky stuff and managed to knock it off his table. It landed squarely on the press-button and a great squirt of foam shot across the kitchen, expanding as it went. This is one of those stories that are always much funnier when it happens to other people.

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THE Archbishop of Canterbury, Dr Rowan Williams, says the job is too big for one person. He suggests creating a "presidential" role for someone to share the duties. I suspect he has made the fatal error of so many dedicated people, of throwing far too much time at a job. Some folk immerse themselves body and soul in a frenetic 24/7 commitment to the job. Others breeze through it, finding time for golf, the family and plenty of good lunches. If there is a golden rule of employment, it is that the hours you put in are nowhere near as important as what you put into the hours.

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THE Archbishop also finds it necessary to apologise for disappointing both conservatives and liberals in the Church. To Rowan Williams, this is a failing. To the rest of us, it looks as though he was getting the balance about right.

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JUST back from a break in the Gower Peninsula in south Wales. I wrote a few days ago about drivers being nicked for speeding at well-known hot spots in England where they don't realise the speed limit has changed. Whenever you question the authorities about the lack of adequate signing, they tell you the rules are laid down by Whitehall. Yet in the part of Wales we visited every speed-camera sign carries the appropriate speed limit which is repeated in damn great numerals on the road surface with the warning Araf (Slow). The aim seems to be to prevent drivers from speeding in the first place, not to make money from the unwary. If they can do this in one part of the UK, why not in the rest?

Don't miss Peter Rhodes every Monday to Friday in your Express & Star

Zoo enjoys best summer for 20 years

DUDLEY Zoo has enjoyed its best summer visitor figures in 20 years, buoyed by the opening of £150,000 worth of attractions.

The reopening of the chairlift and the launch of the new Penguin Bay boosted the number of visitors.

Visitor numbers rose 41 per cent during the six-week school holidays from 58,000 in 2011 to 82,000 this year, latest figures revealed. Zoo chief

executive Peter Suddock said every-one was "over the moon" with the visitor numbers despite the dreary weather this summer.

The 40-acre site, which is also home to the ruins of 11th century Dudley Castle, celebrates its 75th anniversary this year.

Mr Suddock said: "We have to go back more than two decades to match those figures and given the current

economic climate we really didn't expect to see such an increase, but we are truly thrilled.

"It's our 75th anniversary and this is yet another success to celebrate." Visitors flooded into the Castle Hill attraction last month when the chairlift opened to the public for the first time in 12 years following a £117,000 revamp. Dudley Zoo also has the world's largest single collec-

tion of Modernist Tecton structures.

The £40,000 Penguin Bay attraction opened earlier this year, allowing visitors to get close to 70-plus rare Humboldt penguins.

Zookeepers also welcomed two highly endangered young female tigers which have proved a hit.

Mr Suddock added: "I'd like to say thank you to everyone who has supported us throughout the summer."

Land on offer for hospital parking

A FARMER is offering to sell fields to Dudley's Russells Hall Hospital to ease parking problems.

Joe Breeze suggests health chiefs buy two acres of his land for an overspill car park at the hospital.

But Dudley Group NHS Foundation Trust, says the hospital will not buy the land because Dudley Council would reject any plans for parking there.

Neighbours of the hospital have long complained about patients and staff leaving their cars in their streets.

Mr Breeze, aged 64, originally from Pensnett, said: "The land is right opposite the entrance to the hospital in Pensnett Road and is only being used for grazing of ponies.

"It seems stupid to me that the hospital has spent £6 million on a multi-storey car park which is still insufficient and people are still parking in front of homes in nearby streets, when there is land available so close.

Paula Clark, chief executive of Dudley Group NHS Foundation Trust, confirmed a representative of Mr Breeze contacted the Trust about making use of land he owns.

Borough is one of best

DUDLEY is one of the best boroughs for walking and cycling according to a report that compares transport in UK cities and boroughs.

The Campaign for Better Transport, which is a national independent charity, assessed 26 of the country's largest cities and boroughs to form the report.

Dudley came fifth in the category of cycling and walking as alternatives and, with recent improvements to some of the borough's cycling routes and more planned over the coming months, it is hoped that residents will get on their bikes more than ever before.

Tattoo shop bid

A TATTOO shop could open in Dudley if plans are approved.

Brass Monkey Tattoos has applied for permission for the shop in New Street. The company has a studio in The Broadway, Stourbridge.

Dudley Council is expecting to make a decision by the end of the month.

Council agrees to cash for congestion scheme

DUDLEY Council has agreed to contribute £175,000 to fund improvements aimed at easing traffic congestion along busy roads in the borough.

Works, totalling £1.3 million, will be carried out along the Birmingham New Road, in Dudley, and the A459 which leads from the town centre

Gripes to authority show fall

RESIDENTS made 84 complaints to Dudley Council within a year, a new report by the Local Government Ombudsman reveals.

The report shows there was a slight drop in the number of enquiries and complaints from 88 in the previous year to 84 in 2011/12.

It comes after the ombudsman found the authority guilty of maladministration after it was judged by the watchdog to have taken too long to deal with complaints over the Caparo foundry in Stourbridge.

They agreed in June to pay out compensation to 27 families living in homes by the former plant.

At the authority's scrutiny committee meeting recently, Sue Holmyard, assistant director of planning and environmental health, said lessons had been learned.

The report has found that the council also dealt with requests and complaints within an average 23.3 days, within a 28-day target.

Of the 84 enquiries and complaints, 24 per cent related to housing; 20 per cent to planning and 17 per cent to children's services.

Works, totalling £1.3 million, will be carried out along the Birmingham New Road, in Dudley, and the A459 which leads from the town centre through Sedgley and on to Wolverhampton. Dudley Council has agreed to make the contribution through its local transport plan funding, subject to detailed confirmation of the project.

The remainder of the cash will come from a Department of Transport grant of £1,151,000 and the scheme is part of a wider £33 million grant award to transport authority Centro.

Measures have yet to be fully developed and consulted on but are expected to include an updating of transport links along with pedestrian and cycle routes.

Motorists could be prevented from parking along sections of the road to improve traffic flow.

Illegal

Centro officials say the A459 also suffers congestion at busy times with the situation made worse by illegal parking.

Part of the scheme would include helping people to plan their journeys more efficiently and encourage more walking and cycling to ease congestion along the busy roads.

Other works include outdated bus shelters, installing electronic bus timetables and improving access to Coseley bus and rail station.

It is also proposed to improve pedestrian crossings at traffic lights at the Kent Street and Jews Lane junction.

Dudley Council said they had no objection to the scheme being added to the capital programme. Members agreed its inclusion.

Lora delight over gem of a deal



Designer Lora Leedham, aged 26, will have her jewellery sold in John Lewis

A JEWELLERY designer is enjoying a gem of a deal after bosses at John Lewis decided to sell her products in their Solihull branch.

Lora Leedham, aged 26, from Halesowen, whose workshop is in the Jewellery Quarter, said she was thrilled to see her products for sale at the department store.

The former Triviale High School pupil has four of her jewellery ranges on sale in the store, and they will also be sold at the

new Birmingham store due to open in 2014.

Miss Leedham, of Halesowen Road, set up her business, Jewellery by Lora Leedham, after receiving a grant from the Prince's Trust in 2006. She sells through her website and makes bespoke items.

She said: "It was wonderful to see my jewellery on display in John Lewis.

"I also cannot wait to see them in the new Birmingham store."

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Too early to make call over block

TRANSPORT bosses at Dudley Council say it is still too early to tell if a road block trial is stopping a motorists' rat-run through an estate.

The council has introduced the part-closure of Blackacre Road.

This was following discussions with locals and police. The scheme is an attempt to stop hundreds of commuters using the road to get from the B4171 to the Dudley Southern Bypass every day.

But following the introduction, residents of side roads off Blackacre Road called for a rethink, complaining the rat-run was now going past their homes.

Councillor Judy Foster, said it was still too early to decide on the future of the trial.

She said: "We are continuing with the experimental order for the next few months to establish a clear idea of its effectiveness in tackling the rat-running along Blackacre Road."

"The order has been in place for less than three months, and it would be premature to look at its effectiveness at this stage."

"We will continue to work with the community on a suitable way of solving the issues."

New store due to open

A NEW Sainsbury's, which is creating 24 jobs, is due to open Friday.

The store in Lawnswood Road, Wordsley, is due to open on September 21. The 25,000sq ft store has been built on the site of the former Red Lion pub building and will include an in-store bakery.

Youngsters from the Phoenix Centre and Dudley's Mayor Councillor Melvyn Mottram have been invited to open the store at 8.30am.

Store manager Stewart Wilson said: "We are looking to make strong links with the community and I am looking forward to being able to get involved with local groups."

Run for charity

STAFF at a Black Country training company aim to raise more than £1,000 for Cancer Research in a Race for Life event. Eight women from Black Country Training Group (BCTG), Taylors Lane, Oldbury will do the 5km run on September 23 at Himley Park.

Negligence costs region's hospitals £30m

NEGLIGENCE claims at the region's hospitals have cost more than £30 million in 12 months including almost £7m in Dudley, according to new figures.

Payouts covered damages and legal costs, according to the statistics released by the NHS Litigation Authority.

Hospital bosses said they take all claims seriously and regularly review procedures to see what lessons can be learned.

The highest bill was at Walsall Healthcare NHS Trust, which runs Walsall Manor Hospital. The total paid out in 2011-12 was £10.6m. Just under £9m of the total amount was for damages and £1.15m was paid for

patients' legal fees. At Dudley Group of Hospitals there was a £6.9m bill for the period, while at Sandwell & West Birmingham Hospitals NHS Trust the cost of claims was £5.3m and at Royal Wolverhampton Trust it was £3.7m.

At Worcestershire Acute Hospitals Trust, which runs Kidderminster Hospital, the cost of claims was £3.49m and at Mid Staffordshire NHS Trust the bill was £3.45m.

Paula Clark, chief executive of Dudley Group of Hospitals, said: "We take all claims received against the trust very seriously. "The amount of compensation paid out on

behalf of the trust in 2011-12 included settlement of some claims raised in previous years as far back as 1996. "Stuart French, spokesman for Sandwell & West Birmingham NHS Trust, said: "We proactively review any untoward incidents, and try to reach understanding and agreement with aggrieved parties without the need for court action. Learning lessons from when things go wrong is fundamental in allowing us to continue to deliver safe services."

Penny Venables, chief executive of Worcestershire Acute Hospitals Trust, said: "The fact that whilst we treat more than 2,000 people every day but receive less than

two complaints a day – and considerably more compliments – is a testimony to how seriously (and how well) our staff take patient care, safety and experience."

She added: "Where this standard of care does not meet expectations, the trust investigates and, where necessary, implements new policies and procedures to ensure that any errors are not repeated."

The amounts are final compensation payments which result from incidents over a number of years.

They include legal fees for defence and the cost of solicitors' fees for the claiming patient or families.

Kristian returns to school and enjoys hero's welcome

OLYMPIC star Kristian Thomas went back to school to a hero's welcome as he handed out prizes and gave a rousing speech to pupils. The 23-year-old bronze medallist returned to St Edmund's Roman Catholic School, Compton as a star guest following his success.

Kristian, from Wednesfield, whose breathtaking floor exercise secured the first GB gymnastics team medal for a century, said: "It was a weird experience. Six years ago I was in exactly the same situation they were except I was sitting there listening to Beverly Knight."

"It still seems strange to have reversed my role so quickly. I just wanted to get across the message that everybody has some sort of talent. Luckily I developed mine at an early age through sport."

"But whatever you are good at, anything is possible so long as you work hard, make sacrifices and dedicate yourself to making that dream come true."

Kristian has just returned from a 10-day sunshine holiday in Cyprus with girlfriend Gemma Reid. And he was quickly reminded of his new star status.

Restaurant

He said: "We went into Nando's restaurant in Bentley Bridge and the staff wanted to pose for a picture with me. Then they gave us a free meal. It was great."

Kristian, who left school with 10 GCSEs and one A level, added: "My life has changed out of all perspective and so far only good things have happened."

"It is nice having people come up to congratulate you. But you are aware that you have to be a bit more careful of what you do when you are in the public eye."

He aimed to return to the gym for the first time since finishing competing in the Games. He said: "I have been away for around a month which is the longest I have ever missed training."

"Normally it is no more than a week and so I have got to get back and work hard to catch up."

Meeting the cattle

VISITORS to a Midland beauty spot will get the chance to meet its most-famous residents – a herd of cattle.

An event at Hartlebury Common, near Kidderminster, on September 20 between 10.30am and 12.30pm will give people the chance to find out more about the role the animals play.

Visit www.worcestershire.gov.uk/countryside for more details.



Kristian Thomas presents awards to pupils with 14-year-old gymnast Mia De Bechi, Headteacher Deirdre Finucane and his former teacher Julie Cartledge at St Edmund's



Ex-pupil and Olympic gymnast Kristian Thomas returns to St Edmund's

NEWS in brief

Car parking plan is gathering pace

PLANS for a new car park in Gornal are gaining pace with talks to work out details of the long-awaited scheme due to begin.

A feasibility study is already being carried out by Dudley Council to look at creating spaces on land off Abbey Street which is "progressing well", according to a councillor.

Talks to iron out details of the scheme are to take place to carry the proposal forward if the findings of the study are favourable.

Plans for a car park in the village have been on the drawing board for more than 20 years.

MP joins push to make Web safer

WYRE Forest MP Mark Garnier has joined a group of concerned MPs delivering a petition to Downing Street.

The petition, promoted by campaign website Safety Net, is designed to tackle the concerns many families have over the volume of unsuitable online material easily accessed by their children.

It has been signed by more than 100,000 people across the country.

Garden centre in call for donations

STAFF at a Worcestershire garden centre want shoppers to donate unwanted items to a county charity.

Webbs Garden Centre in Wychbold is holding a Donate, Don't Dump Day for St Richard's Hospice.

Customers can bring their items along to the centre on Thursday between 10am and 5pm.

A Webbs van will be ready to accept donations.

Vote for revamps at playgrounds

DUDLEY residents are being called to vote for two playgrounds that could get a makeover.

More than 30 playgrounds across the UK have been shortlisted to win a £30,000 makeover.

Dudley Council is asking everyone to vote for Brewery Fields and B u f f e r y Park. Visit www.flora.com/playground by September

Drivers stopped

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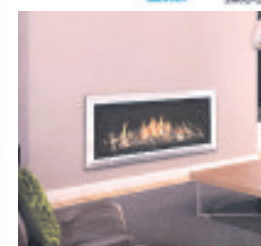
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NEWS

Scared traders call for cameras to stem crime

FRIGHTENED traders in Coseley are calling for CCTV cameras to be installed in their area after two armed robberies and a burglary in the past two weeks.

A pub landlord said Roseville was becoming like the wild west and nearby shopkeepers say security needs to be stepped up to prevent any more incidents.

Two masked men armed with hammers and axes threatened staff at the Spar, Castle Street, Roseville village, at about 8.40pm on September 11.

They stole the till and cigarettes. On September 5 hammer-wielding robbers struck at the Coseley Post Office, opposite the Spar, stealing a cash box. And raiders snatched the safe at Greggs bakery, a few shops away, between August 31 and September 1.

Del Bunce, aged 46, who owns Equal Partners hairdressers, said he found his shop's locks had been filled in with a gooey substance when he arrived for work on September 4. "It's frightening," said Mr Bunce.

"We've asked for CCTV in the street and more patrols but it's fallen on deaf ears - the police say we don't have enough trouble here."

"It's like the Gunfight at the OK Corral here at the moment," said John Allen, aged 67, leaseholder of The Royal pub in Roseville. Police spokesman Lee Page said: "The local neighbourhood policing team will be working with local traders to address any concerns."

£2,300 from Jubilee walk

A DUDLEY councillor's 100-mile "Jubilee Walk" has raised £2,300.

Councillor Steve Waltho, who represents St Thomas's ward in Dudley, walked through London and Surrey, ending at Windsor in June.

Action Heart, Leukaemia Care, the West Midlands Lupus Group, Acorns Children's Hospice and the Mayor of Dudley's charity will all benefit.

Couple's cider house rules



Mick O'Neill and wife Dawn celebrate the award at The Court House

A DUDLEY pub has earned a prestigious award for traditional cider.

The Court House, New Street, has been presented with the bronze award in the Camra/Apple West Midlands Cider Pub of the Year Competition, an annual event open to pubs from Herefordshire, Worcestershire, Warwickshire, West Midlands, Staffordshire and Shropshire.

The presentation last week coincided with the regional launch of the Camra Good Beer Guide, and the pub's own beer festival.

West Midlands regional cider co-ordinator Sally Lavender praised the range and quality of traditional ciders available at the pub and the customer service demonstrated by Dawn and Mick O'Neill and their staff.

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LETTERS

Town has a lot to look forward to

I WRITE in response to the letter which criticised Dudley Council in relation to litter and weed control in Dudley town centre and also asked how new businesses would be attracted to the town.

Dudley Council employs a team of dedicated street cleaners who work every day to remove litter and empty litter bins.

The team takes great pride in its work and has been recognised at a national level.

However, work is, of course, ongoing and we all need to take responsibility to help keep our streets free of litter by reporting litter dropping. This year's

wettest summer on record has inevitably made things particularly challenging in relation to weed control, but we continue to target town centre works as well as responding to other enquiries from the public.

In relation to how the council is hoping to attract new businesses into the town, I am proud to say the regeneration of Dudley town centre is, very much, underway. We are now in advanced discussions with the owners of the old Co-op store at the top of Dudley High Street to bring forward a refurbishment scheme for the building. The fantastic new college buildings

open this month, bringing thousands of students into the town, while our bid for funding to develop the market place is at an advanced stage.

A new national chain in the form of Costa Coffee opened this month and we have six more units under work to open in the coming weeks.

When you add to this to the imminent arrival of a major supermarket and the huge regeneration of Castle Hill, I am pleased to say the people of Dudley have plenty to look forward to.

COUNCILLOR SHAUKAT ALI
Deputy leader
Dudley Council

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Learn the lessons of Sydney for buildings

I WAS appalled to read that Dudley Council would even consider demolishing such an impressive edifice as the Dudley Hippodrome.

Surely there must be economic alternatives available?

Here in Sydney, we faced similar threats to historic sites way back in the 1980s, but luckily common sense and community outrage prevailed.

The preserved buildings now form the centrepiece of the historic Rocks area: one of Sydney's main tourist attractions.

Does Dudley really have so many interesting structures that it can afford to demolish one of the best?

I think not.
JIM PARKES
Ethel Street
Sydney
(formerly of
Upper Gornal)

The Paralympics have changed perception

HAVING had a disability from an early age and suffering the insults of so-called able-bodied people for so many years, it has been a real pleasure to see the outstanding performances of people, who not many years ago, would have been written off as of no use to society, together with the support of the crowds witnessing these performances.

It is pleasing to see the change of attitude towards disability and I can only hope this stays with us for many years. For far too long, people with disabilities have had to prove themselves better than their able-bodied counterparts in order merely to be their equals.

I am sure that these competitors have not only competed for their own glory, but also for the privilege of representing their countries and doing their best for the countries they represent.

I wonder if it would now be possible for us all, in our everyday lives, to display that same attitude instead of running us down all the time. If we each gave 100 per cent, what a difference we could really make.

LEN HALES, Halesowen Road, Cradley Heath

Apology for cutting short TV watching

I OWE all Paralympic athletes an apology. I switched off the TV and did not watch the whole of the closing ceremony of their games.

You guys had behaved impeccably throughout the Games and through your efforts, I felt you deserved something better than what the first half hour of the ceremony showed.

You were all brilliant, whether you came first, second or last in your event. You gave your all, and no one can ask more.

So what were the heaps of junk that were perambulated around the arena supposed to represent? They did not reflect on what had gone before during the last two weeks. Because our TV was switched off, we missed the final fireworks display.

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NEWS

Crash tragedy son was 'hard worker and funny'

THE family of a Dudley man who was killed in a car crash in Tipton have paid tribute to their funny, hardworking and smiling son and grandson.



Ahlack Rahman

Ahlaq Rahman, aged 19, from Dudley died at Queen Elizabeth Hospital after being flung out of the blue Vauxhall Corsa, which crashed in Dudley Port Road last week.

The tribute comes as the inquest into his death was being opened at Smethwick coroner's office. Mr Rahman's family said in a statement: "His tragic death has devastated Ahlack's grandfather and father as well as his extensive family and friends who will remember him as a funny, hardworking young man who was full of life and loved spending time with his family and friends."

"Attending the local gym and the cinema were amongst a few of his favourite past times with his friends who described him as "The Best". He was always smiling and got on well with everyone who he met, we all enjoyed a day out on Sunday to the Clent Hills as it was a nice day. All the people at The Buffery will miss him, he will never be forgotten, he has left a big empty space in a lot of people's lives."

Mr Rahman who was a former pupil of Castle High School, Dudley, was one of six teenagers believed to have been in a car which struck a lamp post.

Lupus group meeting date

AN information day by the West Midlands Lupus Group will be held at the Copthorne Hotel in Merry Hill, Dudley, on October 13, from 1-5pm.

Speakers will include Professor Caroline Gordon, of the Lupus UK Centre of Excellence in Birmingham.

Gardeners start scheme



On the initiative are Growing Opportunities staff and students with, front from left, lead officer for therapeutic horticulture and learning Richard Billingsley and development manager for health and well-being Laura Davis

KEEN gardeners have begun a two-year project to transform an eyesore into a £183,000 allotment.

The extension of Barlow Road allotments in Wednesbury will include breathing new life into an abandoned part of the site, which has been hit by fly-tippers.

Smethwick charity Ideal for All, run by disabled people and provides health and social care services, is

behind the scheme. The allotments will be used for community food-growing and gardening.

The redeveloped area will also provide gardening therapy for people suffering from disabilities and health problems including strokes.

Phase one has started of the complete regeneration of the derelict part of the former Wood Green Allotments site.

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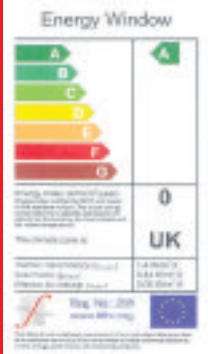
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£200,000 expansion of brewery is hit by delay

Sunflower in pipe-line



Mary Williams has a sunflower growing on the side of her home

WHEN Mary Williams first noticed a green shoot coming out on her drainpipe in the spring – she never dreamed it would turn out to be a sunflower. The bloom, which is now 4ft tall. Grandmother-of-two Mrs Williams said she was very surprised as she has never even grown sunflowers in the garden of her

home in Mount Pleasant, Kingswinford. The 69-year-old believes pigeons from some nearby woods may have dropped a sunflower seed into the pipe earlier in the year.

Mrs Williams said, the flower has amused her neighbours who thought it was growing in the garden at first before noticing it was coming out of the drainpipe.

A £200,000 expansion of a brewery has been delayed until next month and production will not begin until early in 2013, bosses have said.

Holden's Brewery was given the go-ahead to build a three-storey extension at its premises in George Street, Woodsetton, in July. It will allow production to be stepped up from 50,000 to 75,000 pints per week and will include a 70,000 pint storage tank and two fermenting vessels.

Bosses had planned to start work soon after being granted permission with the expanded site up-and-running by next month or November.

But they have announced building work would not begin until October 1 with the scheme scheduled for completion in late December. Production at the expansion will then begin early in the New Year. The existing site will remain open while the building work takes place.

Bosses said the delay had stemmed from the scheme being changed from a two-storey to a three-storey development.

Managing director Jonathon Holden said: "Although the council gave us permission for the three-storey extension we have had to complete other regulatory work to accommodate the change.

"This has caused a slight delay but everything is now on target and work on the extension will begin at the start of October. Production will begin very early next year and we are looking forward to getting started."

Cashing in on tribute act

JOHNNY Cash fans can enjoy an evening of his music at Kidderminster Town Hall.

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NEWS

£1.3m plan to improve major routes unveiled

A £1.3 MILLION plan to improve two major traffic routes has been unveiled by transport bosses.

Roads involved are the A4123 Birmingham New Road and the A459 from Dudley town centre up through Sedgley and on to Wolverhampton.

Public transport links will be updated together with pedestrian and cycling routes, thanks to a cash injection from the Government. The investment is part of a wider £33m grant awarded to West Midlands transport authority Centro to carry out improvements across the region.

Bosses at Centro said they have targeted the busy A4123 and A459 routes for an overhaul to ease congestion.

Red routes, which stop motorists parking up and blocking main roads, have already been installed along the A4123.

A £12.3 million scheme to transform the notoriously gridlocked Burnt Tree Island into a crossroads was also part of the project.

Centro says the A459 route faces pressure from a significant number of bus journeys which can affect service reliability.

It is proposed to improve pedestrian areas within the existing traffic signals at the Kent Street and Jew's Lane junction.

Dudley Council also wants to target its share of the cash improving its section of the 404 bus service linking Walsall, Blackheath, West Bromwich and Brierley Hill.

They say the route suffers from congestion at peak times, often worsened by illegal parking and short distance car trips.

Plans for homes sent in

PLANS have been submitted to demolish a line of workshops in Dudley and build four homes on the site.

Whiston has applied for planning permission to flatten the units in Mons Hill, Woodseton. The buildings would be replaced with four detached homes.

Dudley Council is expected to make a decision by the end of the month.

Chuffed at church work



Pleasing - joint church warden Brian Jenner



Marion and Douglas Richardson by the eagle lectern

WORSHIPPERS have been admiring the completion of a £12,000 scheme to improve the entrance of their Black Country church and restore brass items inside the building.

It is the first phase of renovation work at Christ Church, Quarry Bank High Street, and members are already setting their sights on the next part of the project.

Improvements have focused on the west door, the main entrance porch to the building, where an interior wall has been replastered and redecorated. Officials are "delighted" with the results, which have taken more than four months to complete.

Under this phase of the scheme the church's altar cross, two candlesticks and the eagle lectern have been taken away and cleaned by specialists in Southport. The next phase is due to begin in October and will see insulation installed. The third phase will see interior doors replaced by glass designs.

Worshippers have raised the money needed for the works. Joint church warden and treasurer Brian Jenner said: "The work at the west door has proved very popular with members and has had a very pleasing affect on the building."

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NEWS

Masterplan for town to be submitted next year

A MASTERPLAN of improvements to create more homes and bring new business into Stourbridge will be submitted to the government early next year.

It aims to improve pedestrian access to the town centre; to create green open space along the River Stour and to de-culvert the waterway.

Pathways would be created and nature conservation work carried out, with homes built within the river corridor north of the town. It also includes plans for entertainment and leisure facilities on Canal Street.

Measures will be introduced to make the town centre more attractive.

Dudley Council has drawn up the Stourbridge Area Action Plan for developments and investment in the town up to 2026.

The document was approved for publication by Dudley Council in March but had to be revised after new planning guidelines were released by the government.

The Cabinet were due to approve the new version of the plan last week and it will then go out to a six-week consultation to start on October 1.

Once this has been completed on November 12 the document will be submitted to the Planning Inspectorate in early 2013 and will be subject to public scrutiny in the summer. If approved, the plan would then be adopted in winter 2013. In a report to the Cabinet, director of urban environment John Millar said: "The plan will set the detailed framework for the development."

Cat snap deadline looms

THE deadline is looming for photographers to enter shots of their favourite cats into a charity's competition.

Twelve winning entries will be used to create a new calendar to help Stourbridge and District Branch of Cats Protection.

The closing date is October 14. Entry forms can be obtained from the charity shop in Lower High Street, Stourbridge, or from www.stourbridgecats.org.uk.

First look at fire station



An artist's impression of the station for Halesowen and Cradley Heath



Another preview of how the new £3 million station may eventually look

THESE are the first images of what the £3 million fire station which will cover the Cradley Heath and Halesowen area will look like.

The plans for the station are expected to be submitted to Sandwell Council planners next week, and construction work is due to start in March.

The drawings of the building to go on the site of the Municipal Buildings on Barrs Road, Cradley Heath, were put on display for the first time in the neighbouring Haden Hill Leisure Centre last week. The fire station, which will have a glass

fronted reception area, will be home to one engine but have three bays for other fire service vehicles.

The engines will enter and exit the station off Halesowen Road, and traffic signals will be used to make it safe. The station will also see the neighbouring Haden Hill Leisure Centre gain car parking space.

Some residents looking at the plans welcomed the scheme while others still hold concerns.

Roger King, aged 60, from nearby Beauty Bank, said: "We are worried about the noise."

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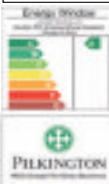
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NEWS

Branch of Rotary Club marking 90th birthday

A DUDLEY branch of the international Rotary Club is celebrating 90 years of helping its local community.

Stourbridge Rotary Club has helped dozens of people through the decades and the members say it is all in a day's work. They have raised thousands for causes at home and abroad since it was established. The club, still going strong in its 90th year, has up to 70 members attending meetings as they embark on their latest fundraising drive.

The social side of bringing people together is at the core of what the group tries to achieve, says club member Bob Glaze. The retired bank manager, aged 70, worked in Stourbridge as well as other areas in the Midlands and South East, during his 35-year career.

But he says the club is a sum of its parts and all members give an equal share of their self to the service of others.

The first meeting of the town's rotary club was at The Bell Hotel on February 1st 1922. It was one of the first clubs to be formed in this country and after meeting for 80 years at the Talbot Hotel, Stourbridge high street, they are now based at Hagley Golf and Country Club.

In 1922, there was much unemployment in the area and Stourbridge Rotary Club raised funds to buy boots and shoes for needy children.

They found kindred spirits when they received an invitation from across the Atlantic in 1988.

Frankie hits right notes



Former Perryfields High School pupil Frankie Swoffer returns to sing around the West Midlands.

AN up-and-coming singer hit all the high notes when she returned to her former Oldbury school to perform for pupils.

Frankie Swoffer, aged 18, returned to Perryfields High School, Oldacre Road to perform. She is competing in Open Mic UK, a music competition searching for the best unsigned talent. She has gigged

around the West Midlands. Frankie sings her own lyrics, and songs from famous musicals including Les Miserables.

She performed in assemblies, in front of 240 pupils, every day of last week. The regional heats of Open Mic UK will be held at the NEC on October 6.

Meeting on healthcare

PATIENTS can raise issues about healthcare in Dudley at the latest meeting of the borough's Clinical Commission Group in October.

It takes place on October 4, in the boardroom at King's House, Kings Street, Dudley, DY2 8PE from 1pm to 3pm and the public are welcome to attend.

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NEWS

Olympics give boost to UK employment, claim

THE Olympics is thought to have helped drive a further fall in UK unemployment after another leap in the number of people in work, official figures claim.

But there was a rise in the number of people claiming jobseeker's allowance in Dudley. Nationally, the jobless total fell by 7,000 in the quarter to July to 2.59 million, an unemployment rate of 8.1 per cent. The Office for National Statistics said the number claiming jobseekers allowance last month was 1.57 million, down by 15,000 on July. This represents the largest monthly fall since June 2010.

The difference in unemployment numbers and claimant count arises as not everyone who is unemployed is entitled to claim benefit.

London accounted for 5,500 of the fall in the so-called claimant count, suggesting a jobs boost from the London Games.

Across the West Midlands the numbers claiming jobseeker's allowance rose last month by 1,376 to 164,666.

The number claiming jobseeker's allowance in the Dudley borough rose by 100 in August to 10,316 or 5.4 per cent of the working population. The Wyre Forest however saw a fall of one to 2,246 or 3.7 per cent.

Nationally, other figures revealed the number of part-time workers increased by 134,000 to reach 8.12m - the highest since records began in 1992.

The number of Britons working part-time because they could not find a full-time job also hit a record high of 1.42m.

Votes are in for stations

VOTES are being counted as fire stations in Stourbridge, Wolverhampton and Walsall are all vying for a prestigious award.

Stourbridge, Bilston and Aldridge stations are all in the running for Station of the Year, as part of this year's Aspire Awards event.

The winners will be announced at a ceremony in Birmingham on October 12.

Pupils' pretty planters



Gornal Business Watch chairman Gail Smith with committee member Barrie Mills-Taylor and pupils Izaak Truss and, bottom, Ellie Dunn and Macey Truss

YOUNGSTERS have brightened up a Dudley village with decorative planters. The planters were originally installed around Gornal village last year but were removed after becoming a target for vandals. But following appeals from residents and traders, the Dudley

Council has now restored the boxes, which have been placed at intervals along Zoar Street and Louise Street.

More than 10 planters have been filled by youngsters from Red Hall Primary School. Traders water the plants and Gornal Business Watch provided cash to to buy the flowers.

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NEWS

Mayor sparks off full of life scheme



Mayor of Dudley Melvyn Mottram with Age UK chief officer Sally Huband, Dudley Forum of Older People chairman Bob Ferguson and mayoress Michelle Mottram

THE Mayor of Dudley helped to kick-start this year's Full of Life Festival roadshow, which promotes activities for older people in the borough.

The event will give residents the chance to try activities from walks to cycle rides and free health checks to coffee mornings. Groups have arranged dozens of events and activities to encourage people in later life to try something new and help them stay active and independent for longer.

The festival, organised by Dudley Council and Age UK Dudley, will run from October 1 to 5. More than 30 events have been organised, including Latin and ballroom dancing, jewellery-making, exercise classes and laughter yoga.

Museum needs more volunteers

VOLUNTEERS are needed to help out during special events and school holidays at a museum near Kidderminster.

Worcestershire County Museum, based at Hartlebury Castle, needs more people. Call Rachel Robinson on 01299 250416 or email museum@worcestershire.gov.uk.

999 failure is under scrutiny

A CALL-taker's failure to dispatch an ambulance is among the incidents being investigated by regional ambulance service bosses.

Bosses at West Midlands Ambulance Service are looking over evidence for eight "serious incidents".

They include an ambulance not being dispatched on July 10.

Chance for young to put talents on display

YOUNGSTERS can showcase their talents in a bid to win cash prizes at a contest near Stourport.

The competition for children living in Areley Kings and The Walshes starts on September 28.

It will run over three consecutive Fridays. Two categories are open for contestants aged between seven and 11 and 12 to 17.

Heats for seven to 11-year-olds will take place on September 28 from 6.30pm at St Bartholomew's Primary School, in Princess Way, Stourport. Heats for the 12 to 17-year-olds will be held October 5 from 6.30pm at Areley Kings Village Hall, Areley Common. The hall will be the venue for the final on October 12 starting at 6.30pm. Cash prizes and trophies will be awarded to winners and those finishing on the podium. Anyone wishing to enter can visit www.thewalshes.weebly.com/young-people.



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Market trader Anne Southern selling handbags



Marsh & Baxter men in the bacon room in 1977. Picture from Dudley Archives



A train crew pictured in December 1984

Town built on sausages and steel

THE "pedigree" for a genuine Brierley Hill person used to be that their dad worked down the steelworks, while their mum was making sausages.



Author Ned Williams

That's according to veteran Black Country author and historian Ned Williams, who lives in Wolverhampton.

Ned and fellow members of the Mount Pleasant Local History Group, Quarry Bank have now produced a book called Brierley Hill at Work, featuring more than 200 photographs of the old industries that provided the bread and butter of most people in the town.

Many of them are of workers at Round Oak Steelworks, which sprawled across the area now occupied by the giant Merry Hill shopping centre and employed more

by Ned Williams

than 4,000, and sausage making factory Marsh & Baxter, where more than 1,000 were employed.

Other companies included in the 128-page paperback book include Richard Thomas and Baldwin, the steel processor, which was in Brockmoor and provided jobs for nearly 1,000 people.

Brierley Hill Market traders also star in the book, along with shopkeepers, local police, fire and transport staff.

Vanished

"As we worked on the book it became more and more obvious that Brierley Hill is one of those places almost totally defined by the work that used to go on there – even though many of those industries have vanished," said Ned, aged 68, a tutor organiser for Wolverhampton's Workers Educational Association.

"The town is still associated with Round Oak Steelworks and Marsh & Baxter – and a proper Brierley Hill pedigree had had down the steelworks and mum making sausages, with a few examples of gender reversal.

"Of all the towns I've looked at, I have never found one more obsessed with the work it used to do."

He added: "If you look at Brierley Hill now, I would say it is dominated by retailing – but the market traders are still there, some of whom have been on their stalls for 50 years, to give an idea of the heritage and tradition passed

on." The book's cover features a photograph of men working on a locomotive as part of the railway system that used to carry raw materials and steel around the old Round Oak works, which closed in 1980 after around 140 years of metal bashing in the town.

Ned said the history group members had been keen to show some of the support work that used to go on in the main industries of Brierley Hill – so the Round Oak photographs highlight the jobs of chemists, draftsmen and engineers as well as those sweating it out by the furnaces.

Marsh & Baxter, which was between North Street and Church Street and had an underground tunnel where the pigs used to walk to be slaughtered, started in the town in 1871 and sold out to FMC – the Fatstock Meat Corporation – in the 1960s.

Photographs from the old sausage factory show workers ranging from the slaughtermen to girls dressed in crisp white uniforms making pies and sausages.

Brierley Hill at Work has been published as part of the Britain in Old Photographs series produced by The History Press.

It is the Mount Pleasant Local History Group's third book about Brierley Hill and Ned's 48th about the Black Country.

The volume was released at a book launch recently at Bank Street Methodist Church, Bank Street, Brierley Hill. The book, priced at £12.99 is available at shops including WH Smith and Waterstones, Merry Hill.



A worker at a glassworks in Brierley Hill

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THE caravan and motorhome industry's national showcase, The Motorhome & Caravan Show, returns to the NEC this autumn (October 16-21) bigger and better than ever, one whole hall bigger!

And the Chronicle series has teamed up with the organisers to give away 10 pairs of tickets.

The Motorhome & Caravan Show is the only place to see all the brand new 2013 models of caravans, motorhomes, holiday homes, lodges, and accessories from the leading UK and European manufacturers and dealers hot off the production line.

Guest

And there will be experts on hand to offer free motorhome and caravan manoeuvring lessons and information and advice on a wide range of subjects, from, technical issues, security, insurance and finance to how to tow safely both in the UK and abroad.

TV favourite's master baker, Paul Hollywood and ex-England scrum-half-turned-culinary-genius, Matt Dawson MBE, will be making special guest appearances.

See Paul live in the show's Cookery Theatre on Wednesday, October 17 or see Matt on Saturday, October 20, where they promise to entertain visitors with live demonstrations full of inspiring ideas



This regular show is always guaranteed to draw the crowds

and advice for creating delicious meals in minutes.

With a range of free activities, from indoor archery to pétanque (French boules) there is something to keep the whole family entertained.

If you are not one of our lucky winners don't worry, advance tickets start at £7 for seniors (60+ years) and £8 for adults. Children under 16 years are admitted free of charge when accompanied by an adult.

Advance tickets must be purchased before October 15 and are subject to a £1 transaction fee. On-the-door tickets are £9 for seniors (60+) and £10 for adults.

Visit www.motorhomeandcaravanshow.co.uk or call 0844 338 7799.



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CLUB NEWS

Kay, 91, clocks up the miles

CANNOCK WI

PRESIDENT Stella Winfield wished a very happy birthday to Susan Brookes and Agnes Overton.

Special wishes went to Doris Westwood, who has been in hospital but is now home and improving. Rosemary Larkin also continues to get better.

The Federations Big Walk Little Splash competition has shown some very fit ladies. Over four months, 91-year-old Kay Matthews clocked 4,980km walking daily to the shops and back. Bronwyn Pace has walked 127 miles with the Ramblers and Susan Brookes clocked 100 miles from daily swims. Margaret Walker walked in five different countries and Chris Pace, Joan Brazier and Stella Winfield all walked more than 50 miles.

The SFWI Summer Celebration at Stafford Showground was a success. June Fox won £30 worth of meat.

An invitation from the Chairman of Cannock Chase Male Probus Club to their annual luncheon on October 11 at the Terrace Restaurant was accepted.

Social Secretary Ellen Alcott has arranged a skittle and buffet evening at the Hen House in October and a visit to the Shopping Outlets at Trafford Park on November 4.

Speaker Nigel Wiggin talked about the family chain-making business that branched out in to Old hall giftware.

October's meeting is a social morning, with quiz, bingo and sales table and complimentary fresh scones.

Members hail Old Hall visit a success



The grounds of Moseley Old hall, Wolverhampton, where WI members paid a visit

THERE were three visitors to the September meeting, which got the evening off to a good start.

The visit to Moseley Old Hall was pronounced a success. "Denman Dip" was explained, members put £1 in an envelope, seal it, put their name and institute on the front and with a bit of luck get a weekend at the wonderful college. Photographs are needed for 2014 Staffordshire Federation calendar.

The reading group will be discussing "Wide Sargasso Sea" at its next meeting.

ASTON-BY-STONE WI

Speaker was Raymond Rush who was brought up on a farm in Norfolk and farmed in Shropshire. His talk was entitled Country Customs. He enlivened his talk with many farming anecdotes and brought along old farming implements. The competition "a farm animal" was won by Lucy Salt and the raffle by Grace Basset.

The club meets on the second Wednesday of every month at 7.30pm at the village hall.

Back to the 50s and 60s

BONEY HAY AND CHASE TERRACE WI

THE ANNUAL Harvest supper was held with the food being provided by the members, half bringing savoury dishes and the other half sweet.

As usual, everyone came up trumps. The individual tables had been decorated with red, white and blue napkins and a small bouquet of flowers in a wine goblet, placed in the centre. There

was also a raffle the prizes being three baskets of harvest produce, kindly given by one of the committee.

Everyone joined in to clear up after the meal and were eager to take part in a short quiz which had been set by a

committee member. There were no prizes for the winning table but it seemed all enjoyed it for the fun.

The next meeting will take members back to the 1950s/60s and it is hoped all will join in the spirit of that time.

The president thanked everyone who had contributed to such a successful evening.

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Autumn colours in the Cotswolds



The National Arboretum at Westonbirt was recently voted one of the thirty most unmissable sights in the world. And it's at its best during the Autumn when the famed Japanese Maples, along with 18,000 other trees are ablaze with colour.

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Westonbirt is regarded as one of the most spectacular collections of trees in the world. Set over 600 acres, it is home to a historical collection of trees and shrubs from all over the world, many of which are rare and endangered.

A guide will take you on a walking tour of around one hour which will give an introduction to the beauty and complexity of the trees at Westonbirt, as well as giving you fascinating glimpses into the lives of the Holford family who founded the arboretum during the 19th century.

A stop in delightful Bourton-on-the-Water is included, often referred to as the 'Venice of the North' with its attractive low bridges across the River Windrush, and in historic Stow-on-the-Wold you can see its impressive market square surrounded by houses, shops and ancient inns.

- Return coach travel
- Entrance and guided walking tour at Westonbirt
- Overnight half-board accommodation
- A tour of the Cotswolds

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THE WAY I SEE IT

Flag flying reminds us that Britain's the greatest country

FROM this week the Union Flag will be flying over the Council House all year round.

I've been campaigning for this for years.

Getting the council to overturn the old rules and fly the flag every day was one of my pledges at the last election so I'm delighted the new leader of the council David Sparks and his deputy Councillor Shaukat Ali have taken this decision.

Countries all over the world fly their flags at Town Halls, schools, and government buildings because they understand it is a symbol of national unity and pride, a symbol that belongs to all the people, which unites them and their fellow citizens.

I believe we should do the same.

Believe

Of course there are things we should improve in Britain, but I believe this is the greatest country on earth and we should never be shy about saying so.

Anyone who doesn't believe that is welcome to live elsewhere.

What makes our country so special is our shared commitment to the great British values of freedom, tolerance, democracy, equality and fairness.

Our country's history teaches us so much about who we are as a people and what we stand for, and it shows why we can lay claim – more than any other country – to a special and unique attachment to these values.



Dudley North Labour MP Ian Austin takes the stand in our weekly Chronicle column which gives our local representatives the chance to air their views on issues that matter

"What makes you British is not what you look like or where your parents were born, but what you believe and what you stand for."

Think of Britain in the thirties.

The rest of Europe under dictatorships. Hitler in Germany, Mussolini in Italy, Franco in Spain.

Here in Britain, fascism rejected because of the value British people place on freedom.

In 1941 with Europe overrun and America not yet in the war, it was Britain and the Commonwealth that stood for democracy, a beacon to the rest of the world, fighting for not just Britain's liberty, but for the world's freedom too.

Listen to the BBC and ask why it is more trusted the world over than broadcasts from other countries.

Think about how the NHS and the way it shows we are a people who believe

we look after each other. The strong helping the weak.

The rich helping the poor. Look at the Olympics and how all of Britain came together to cheer the Union Flag and athletes who waved it so proudly.

What we learn from our history and institutions is that we have a unique and historic commitment to these values and it is these on which, not just our patriotism and pride in our country is based, but the very idea of what it means to be British.

What makes you British is not what you look like or where your parents were born, but what you believe and what you stand for.

How you behave and the

contribution you make to our society.

For most of us our identity has many levels; based on our personal history, family and friendships, our neighbourhood, region or country, our beliefs or religion.

In the modern era, as people move around the country and the world much more, a sense of what it means to be British is more important than ever before, because it is our shared values that give us something in common and bind us together.

So I'm from Dudley, I'm English and British, and wherever you are from, whatever you look like and however you worship, the thing that unites us all is our belief in Britain.

Obligations

But being a British citizen carries with it responsibilities and obligations too.

We should be absolutely clear that people who live in the UK should work hard and pay their way.

They should obey the law, uphold these values and respect Britain's traditions, and they must learn to speak English too, because there's no other way to play a full part in British society.

So for me flying our flag demonstrates our pride, tells extremists they are wrong and symbolises our belief that this is the greatest country on earth.

That's why we should applaud the council for agreeing to fly the flag all year round.

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What's On! Dudley

Opportunity for the young to shine

YOUNGSTERS can show their talent in a bid to win cash prizes at a contest near Stourport.

The competition for children in Areley Kings and The Walsheys starts on September 28.

Two categories are open for contestants aged between seven and 11 and 12 to 17.

Heats for seven to 11-year-olds will take place on September 28 from 6.30pm at St Bartholomew's Primary School, Princess Way, Stourport. Heats for the 12 to 17-year-olds will be held October 5 from 6.30pm at Areley Kings Village Hall, Areley Common. The hall will be the venue for the final on October 12 starting at 6.30pm.

Visit www.thewalsheys.weebly.com/young-people

Aled adding his voice to concert

DAYBREAK presenter Aled Jones will join the Gentlemen Songsters Male Voice Choir on September 22 at Dudley Concert Hall.

The singer is also a regular presenter of Songs of Praise. The show features classical singing duo Alison Cripps and Jill Saunders. Proceeds will go to the Mayor of Dudley Councillor Melvyn Mottram's charity fund. This year they are Diabetes UK, Dudley, Stourbridge and District Support Group and Dudley Stroke Association. Tickets are available on 01384 838863.

Swan Lake is a milestone for 100 young ballerinas

MORE than 100 young ballerinas from the West Midlands will be involved in a spectacular production of Swan Lake, being performed by the English Youth Ballet at Wolverhampton Grand Theatre tomorrow (Friday) and Saturday.

Little Voice to be heard at the Grand

AWARD-winning comedy-drama with music, *The Rise and Fall of Little Voice*, brings a star-studded cast to Wolverhampton Grand.

Jim Cartwright's story of a talent scout who thinks he's found a goldmine in a shy girl with an incredible talent to sing like the great female stars of yesteryear is at the Grand from Monday to Saturday (Sep 24-29).

Introducing gifted impressionist Jess Robinson from *Dead Ringers* as Little Voice, also stars Coronation Street's Beverley Callard as her formidable mother, Joe McGann as desperate agent Ray Say and Ray Quinn as her admirer Billy.

The three performances of this Russian classic, danced to the soaring music of Tchaikovsky, will be performed on Friday and Saturday evenings, and at a Saturday matinee. Local dancers who auditioned at the Grand will join eight principal dancers on stage.

It is not the only Swan Lake this autumn, with Birmingham Royal Ballet's return home from touring to present this best known of all ballets, plus a triple bill of shorter works.

The company will test out Birmingham Hippodrome's new stage from September 26 to 29 with *Opposites Attract*, including David Bintley's joyous jazz dance *Take That*, Jessica Lang's inventive *Lyric Pieces* and Hans van Manen's powerful *Grosse Fuge*. Their *Swan Lake* is from October 2 to 6, the roles of Odette/Odile being shared by Nao Sakuma, Elisha Willis and Natasha Oughtred.



Dancers preparing for the Waltz of the Swans in English Youth Ballet's Swan Lake

X Factor rocker at Robin 2

WOLVERHAMPTON X Factor contestant Joe Whelan, who wowed the celebrity judges with his version of Led Zeppelin's *Whole Lotta Love*, is bringing his band to Bilston for his first home turf concert since causing a TV sensation.

A singer and guitarist, the tool salesman from Ashmore Park used to be a cage fighter and fronted local hard rock band Dementia.

The Joseph Whelan Band will be in concert at the Robin 2 on Wednesday, October 3. Tickets cost £10 in advance or £12 on the door.

Other plum gigs at the Mount Pleasant venue include Andy Fairweather Low (Sep 28) and top young blueswoman Joanne Shaw Taylor and her band (Oct 9).

Contact the box office on 01902 401211 or online at www.therobin.co.uk

Guitar duo will play warehouse

A GUITAR duo will perform in Dudley as part of a series of jazz concerts.

Paul Vernon Chester and Nick Mellor will be at the Bonded Warehouse, Canal Street, Stourbridge, on October 12. They will perform compositions by Django Reinhardt. All the concerts at the venue start at 7.30pm.

Tickets are £7 for adults and £3.50 for students or under-16s.

The next concert will be on November 9 with a performance by the Sambuca Diaries Big Band.

The final concert of the year will feature violinist Billy Thompson.

Australian choir to sing at church

AN Australian choir will perform in Dudley.

The Australian Voices will sing at St Andrew's Church, Netherton on September 26 at 7.30pm as part of their national tour.

The choir is gearing up for a 23-night run at the Edinburgh Fringe Festival.

Tickets cost £15 for adults. Call 02032866786.

Soul and Motown

A NIGHT of Northern Soul and Motown will be staged on September 22 at Dudley Town Hall starting at 8pm. Tickets are £7.

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What's On!

SATURDAY'S TV 22.09.12

CHOICE



Anthony McPartlin

Red or Black?

ITV1, 7.25pm

For newcomers, the format for this series involves contestants in each round choosing red or black, with those who choose the wrong colour being sent home. All video games need beta tests to iron out any bugs, and the same is true for TV game shows – so series two may have redressed any problems from 2011. The question is: can rugby union stars Sam Warburton and Manu Tuilagi help turn the show around? Or do the masses really miss the sight of two teams of dogs competing in a race? Here's a chance to find out as Ant and Dec present the latest edition.

BBC1

6.00 Breakfast. 10.00 Saturday Kitchen Live. 11.30 Lorraine's Fast, Fresh and Easy Food. (R) 12.00 BBC News: Regional News. Weather. 12.15 Football Focus. 1.00 Live Formula 1: Singapore Grand Prix Qualifying. 3.30 Cycling. 4.30 Final Score. 5.30 BBC News: Regional News: Weather. 5.50 A Question of Sport: Extreme.

6.30 All New Total Wipeout. Richard Hammond and Amanda Byram present as 20 more foolhardy Brits, including rival brothers and a Tina Turner lookalike, take on the obstacle course.

7.30 Doctor Who. Earth is invaded by millions of sinister-looking black cubes, but no one knows what they are or who sent them – so the Doctor moves in with the Ponds as he works out their purpose.

8.15 The National Lottery: Secret Fortune. High-tension quiz show, presented by Nick Knowles. Father and daughter David and Charlotte attempt to win the top prize of £100,000.

9.10 Casualty. The team is tested when a freak storm hits Holby, while Big Mac tries to persuade an old friend to undergo vital surgery – only to end up fighting for life himself.

10.00 BBC News: Weather. 10.20 Match of the Day. Including highlights of West Ham United v Sunderland: National Lottery Update.

11.40 The Football League Show. Highlights of today's games in the Championship, League One and League Two.

12.55 Weatherwise. 1.00 BBC News.

BBC2

6.00 CBeebies. 7.00 CBBC. 12.00 Film: First Daughter. (2004) 1.40 Film: The Ipcress File. (1965) 3.25 Escape to the Country. (R) 4.10 Put Your Money Where Your Mouth Is. (R) 4.55 Wartime Farm. (R) 5.55 Antiques Road Trip. (R)

6.55 Flog It! (R) 7.40 Dad's Army. The older members of the platoon take drastic action when they are threatened with being made air-raid wardens, transforming themselves in a bid to appear younger. (R)

8.10 This World – Aung San Suu Kyi: The Choice. A profile of the Nobel Peace Prize-winning Burmese politician, who spent nearly 20 years under house arrest and became an international symbol of the power of peaceful resistance.

9.10 OX XL. Stephen Fry presents an extended version of the quiz, and poses some unusual questions about Kelly, jam and juice to Jo Brand, Liza Tarbuck, Sue Perkins and Alan Davies.

9.55 The Thick of It. Peter reluctantly spends a long weekend at a country retreat with Stewart, who is holding a creative-thinking seminar to reinvigorate the party, while Glenn Toles at the office.

10.25 The Clintons. 11.25 Film: Primary Colors. (1998) A political aide begins work for a presidential candidate, but struggles to cope as rumours of indiscretions come to light. Satirical drama, with John Travolta and Emma Thompson.

1.35 Film: Curse of the Crimson Altar. (1968) 3.00 Close.

ITV1

6.00 CITV: CITV. 9.25 ITV News. 9.30 The Jeremy Kyle Show USA. 10.25 The Jeremy Kyle Show USA. 11.20 The X Factor. (R) 12.15 ITV News: Weather. 12.25 All Star Family Fortunes. (R) 1.05 Murder, She Wrote. (R) 2.10 Film: Every Which Way But Loose. (1978) 4.15 Film: Bean. (1997) 5.55 Regional Programme: Weather.

6.10 ITV News: Weather. 6.25 New You've Been Framed! A fresh selection of comical clips.

6.55 Fool Britannia. Hidden-camera pranks, with Dom Joly.

7.25 Red or Black? Rugby union stars Sam Warburton and Manu Tuilagi go head to head, classical duo Jonathan and Charlotte perform with choir Only Boys Aloud, and two teams of dogs compete in a race. Continues after The X Factor.

8.10 The X Factor. In the first of two boot-camp editions this week, more than 200 contestants who impressed at the auditions head to Liverpool's Echo Arena for a series of singing challenges. Continues tomorrow.

9.40 Red or Black? The four remaining contestants face further challenges, the first of which sees golfers Paul Casey and Melissa Reid compete in a battle-of-the-sexes game.

10.25 The Jonathan Ross Show. With Michael Gambon, Emily Blunt and John Bishop.

11.25 ITV News: Weather. 11.40 Take Me Out. (R) 12.40 The Store. ITV News Headlines. 2.40 In Plain Sight. (R) 3.30 ITV Nightscreen. 5.30 ITV Morning News.

CHANNEL 4

6.05 British GT. 6.30 The Grid. 7.00 Strathclyde Park Triathlon. 7.55 The Morning Line. 8.55 T4: Clement Marlo & the Frontline. Intro. (R) 9.10 T4: iTunes Festival 2012: T4 Highlights. 9.45 T4: Style Studio. 10.15 T4: New Girl. 10.50 T4: Revenge. 11.50 T4: Suburgatory. 12.20 T4: The Big Bang Theory. (R) 1.25 T4: The Simpsons. (R) 1.55 Channel 4 Racing. 4.10 Come Dine with Me: Ireland. 5.10 Come Dine with Me: Ireland. 5.45 Come Dine with Me: Ireland.

6.10 Come Dine with Me: Ireland. 6.40 Channel 4 News. 7.10 Thought.tv.

7.15 Baggage. Gok Wan hosts a dating game in which contestants reveal their most peculiar secrets to potential partners – and as the game goes on, the truths get stranger. (R)

8.15 Comedy World Cup. Alan Carr, Sara Pascoe and Clive Anderson take on Micky Flanagan, Kevin Bridges and Stan Boardman as the comedy quiz tournament continues. David Tennant asks the questions.

9.15 The Million Pound Drop Live. Davina McCall presents the quiz show in which contestants can win £1million, but lose money for giving incorrect answers.

10.50 Film: Predator. (1987) Sci-fi thriller, starring Arnold Schwarzenegger.

12.55 Film: Kaminey. (2009) 3.15 Journey Through the Night. (R) 3.25 Hollywoods. (R) 5.30 Baking Mad with Eric Lanlard. (R) 5.55 The Treacle People. (R)

CHANNEL 5

6.00 Milkshake! 10.00 Power Rangers Samurai. 10.35 Batman: The Brave and the Bold. 11.05 Looney Tunes. (R) 11.15 Eddie Stobart: Trucks and Trailers. (R) 12.15 Film: Captain Horatio Hornblower RN. (1951) Naval adventure, starring Gregory Peck.

2.35 Film: The Adventures of Robin Hood. (1938) Swashbuckling adventure, starring Errol Flynn.

4.40 5 News Weekend. 4.45 Film: Battle of the Bulge. (1965) Second World War drama, starring Robert Shaw.

7.40 Film: Maverick. (1994) A gambler and a con woman join forces to raise enough money for them both to compete in a prestigious, winner-takes-all poker game. Comedy Western, with Mel Gibson and Jodie Foster.

10.00 CSI: Miami. The team is called in to investigate the disappearance of a householder and his family from their suburban home – and makes a shocking discovery in the property's garage.

10.55 CSI: Crime Scene Investigation. TV cameras follow the CSIs for a reality crime series, putting everyone under pressure during a rape investigation. With Taraji P Henson (The Cruel Case of Benjamin Button). (R)

11.55 Inside Hollywood. Magazine show, with location reports, news and views from behind the scenes.

12.00 SuperCasino. 4.00 HouseBusters. (R) 4.25 Divine Designs. (R) 4.50 County Secrets. (R) 5.00 Hansa's Helpline. (R) 5.10 The Milkshake! Show. (R) 5.35 Thomas & Friends. (R) 5.45 Roary the Racing Car. (R)

DIGITAL

BBC Three 7.00 Great Movie Mistakes 8.00 Top Gear 9.00 Live at the Apollo 10.00 Russell Howard: Right Here Right Now 11.00 Family Guy 11.45 American Dad!

BBC Four 7.00 Human Planet 8.00 Horizon: Asteroids – The Good, the Bad and the Ugly 9.00 Inspector Montalbano 10.50 Doris Day: Virgin Territory 11.50 20th Century Battlefields

ITV2 3.30 The X Factor 4.35 The Xtra Factor 5.40 Film: King Ralph (1991) 7.40 Film: Dante's Peak (1997) 8.40 The Xtra Factor 10.40 Celebrity Juice 11.30 Totally Bonkers Guinness World Records: Boringly Big Hits

ITV3 3.55 Agatha Christie's Poirot 5.55 Murder, She Wrote 6.55 Foyle's War 9.00 Vera. 11.00 Crime Connections

ITV4 4.00 Film: Weekend at Bernie's (1989) 5.35 Film: You Only Live Twice (1967) 8.00 River Monsters 9.00 Film: Ticker (2001) 10.55 Film: This Is Spinal Tap (1984) E4

3.10 Desperate Housewives 4.10 Revenge 5.10 How I Met Your Mother 6.10 The Big Bang Theory 7.10 Film: Ever After: A Cinderella Story (1998) 9.40 Film: Mr & Mrs Smith (2005)

Film4 2.40 Stormbreaker (2006) 4.30 Paper Moon (1973) 6.35 Speed 2: Cruise Control (1997) Action thriller sequel, starring Sandra Bullock. 9.00 JFK (1991) New Orleans district attorney Jim Garrison opens his own investigation into the 1963 assassination of President John F. Kennedy. Drama, starring Kevin Costner and Gary Oldman.

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Dragons' Den
BBC2, 9pm
Children's ride-on suitcases, Trunkis have become a success since their invention by Rob Law a few years ago. However, Law's novel idea didn't exactly get off to great start when it was rejected by the Dragons in 2006 after Theo Paphitis broke one of the straps. However, for every Trunki, the Dragons can boast several successes, including Levi Roots' Reggae Reggae sauce, Rapstrap and iTeddy. This is perhaps why two Mancunian sisters who, like Law, were rejected when they appeared back in 2005 are looking for a second chance to impress.

BBC1

6.00 Breakfast. **7.35** Match of the Day. (R) **9.00** The Andrew Marr Show. **10.00** Sunday Morning Live. **11.00** Sunday Politics. **12.10** Live Formula 1: Singapore Grand Prix. **3.20** A Question of Sport: Extreme. (R) **4.00** Points of View. **4.15** Songs of Praise. **4.50** The Indian Doctor. (R) **5.35** Planet Earth Live: A Monkey's Tale.
6.35 **BBC News**; Regional News; Weather.
7.00 **Fake or Fortune?** Proving a trio of paintings are the work of JMW Turner.
8.00 **Countryfile**. In an edition from Lochaber in the Highlands, Matt Baker enjoys a steam train journey, and Julia Bradbury learns about pioneering female mountaineers from the Victorian era. Including Weather for the Week Ahead.
9.00 **Andrew Marr's History of the World**. New series. The journalist explores the global migrations that followed man's early beginnings in Africa and the agrarian and urban developments that led to the first civilisations.
10.00 **BBC News**; Regional News; Weather.
10.25 **Match of the Day 2**. Colin Murray reviews the day's Premier League action, including Liverpool v Manchester United at Anfield and Manchester City v Arsenal at the Etihad Stadium.
11.55 **In with the Flynns**. The family has a cash-flow problem. Last in the series.
12.25 **Film**: Charlie & Boots. (2009) **2.00** Weatherview. **2.05** Sign Zone: Holby City. (R) **3.05** Good Cop. (R) **4.05** BBC News.

BBC2

6.00 CBeebies. **7.00** CBBC. **10.00** Saturday Kitchen Best Bites. **11.30** The Great British Bake Off. (R) Weather for the Week Ahead. **12.35** **Film**: Seven Years in Tibet. (1997) **2.45** Escape to the Country. (R) **3.15** Cycling. **5.00** Rugby League. **6.00** **Great Barrier Reef**. Monty Hall explores Australia's underwater ecosystem, beginning with a look at the coral reef's structure and the many species of wildlife that inhabit it. (R)
7.00 **Top Gear**. Jeremy Clarkson and Richard Hammond assist with the making of The Sweeney, while James May tests the Vauxhall Corsa VXR Nurburgring and updated Fiat Panda. With actor Ryan Reynolds. (R)
8.00 **Vikings**. Neil Oliver visits Russia, Turkey and Ireland to reveal how the Norse warriors established a trading empire, and explores the vast array of goods in which their merchants dealt. (R)
9.00 **Dragons' Den**. A horror writer gets a surprising reaction when he tries to scare the Dragons into backing him, and two sisters make a second bid to impress the panel after being rejected in 2005.
10.00 **Mock the Week**. Greg Davies, Jo Caulfield and Gary Delaney join host Dara O Briain and regular panellists Chris Addison, Hugh Dennis and Andy Parsons for the satirical current affairs quiz. (R)
10.30 **Film**: Good. (2008) Drama, starring Viggo Mortensen and Jason Isaacs.
12.00 **Film**: The Night Listener. (2006) **1.15** BBC News. **4.05** Close.

ITV1

6.00 CITV: CITV. **9.25** ITV News. **9.30** House Gift. (R) **10.25** There's No Taste Like Home. (R) **11.30** The Hungry Sailors. (R) **12.30** ITV News: Weather. **12.35** The Unforgettable Diana Dors. (R) **1.05** The X Factor. (R) **2.35** The Home of Fabulous Cakes. **4.30** Downton Abbey. (R)
6.00 **Regional Programme**: Weather.
6.15 **ITV News**: Weather.
6.30 **The Chase: Celebrity Special**. Matthew Wright, Suzi Perry, Ian "H" Watkins and Crissy Rock try to win thousands of pounds for charity by outwitting one of the show's resident trivia experts. Bradley Walsh hosts.
7.30 **The X Factor**. The remaining acts have one last chance to impress Gary Barlow, Nicole Scherzinger, Tulisa and Louis Walsh and win places in the judges' houses round of the competition.
9.00 **Downton Abbey**. Mary hopes to receive a bailout from grandmother Martha to secure the estate's future. Mrs Hughes hears worrying news and O'Brien tries to boost Alfred's progress.
10.05 **ITV News**: Weather.
10.20 **William & Kate: The South Seas Tour**. Mary Nightingale travels with the Duke and Duchess of Cambridge as they represent the Queen on the Asia-Pacific leg of the Diamond Jubilee tour.
11.15 **Premiership Rugby Union**. **12.10** The Store: ITV News Headlines. **2.10** Golden Balls. (R) **3.00** Motorsport UK. **3.50** ITV News: Morning News.

CHANNEL 4

6.05 Sali Mali. (R) **6.10** The Hoobs. (R) **6.35** Ironman 2012. **7.05** Freesports on 4. **7.30** The Jensen Button Trust Triathlon. **8.00** Will & Grace. (R) **8.25** Will & Grace. (R) **8.55** Frasier. (R) **9.30** Frasier. (R) **10.00** Sunday Brunch. **12.30** The Big Bang Theory. (R) **1.00** The Big Bang Theory. (R) **1.30** The Simpsons. (R) **2.00** The Simpsons. (R) **2.30** Deal or No Deal. **3.30** Come Dine With Me. (R) **4.30** Film: Journey to the Center of the Earth. (2008)
6.20 **Channel 4 News**.
6.50 **4thought.tv**.
6.55 **The Political Slot**.
7.00 **Jimmy and the Whale**. Farmer and wildlife enthusiast Jimmy Doherty travels to the Caribbean island of Dominica to meet Andrew Arnour, who claims to be able to communicate with sperm whales.
8.00 **Kevin McCloud's Man Made Home**. New series. The Grand Designs presenter builds a cabin using recycled materials.
9.00 **Big Fat Quiz of the 90s**. Phill Jupitus, Jack Whitehall, Alan Davies, Claudia Winkleman and Denise Van Outen demonstrate how much they remember about the 1990s. Jimmy Carr asks the questions.
10.35 **Film: Hitman**. (2007) A genetically engineered assassin fails to complete his latest assignment and finds that he has become a target himself. Action thriller, starring Timothy Olyphant.
12.25 **Stalked**. (R) **12.55** American Football Live. **4.45** Brief Encounters of the Sporting Mind. (R) **5.10** Deal or No Deal. (R)

CHANNEL 5

6.00 Milkshake!: Peppa Pig. **6.05** Roary the Racing Car. (R) **6.15** Fi and the Flowertots. (R) **6.25** City and Friends. (R) **6.40** The Mr Men Show. (R) **6.50** Castle Farm. (R) **6.55** Abby's Flying Fairy School. (R) **7.05** Roobarb and Custard Too. (R) **7.10** Bananas in Pyjamas. (R) **7.25** Play! (R) **7.35** Noddy in Toyland. (R) **7.45** Bert and Ernie's Great Adventures. (R) **7.55** Funky Town. (R) **8.00** The Little Princess. (R) **8.10** The Adventures of Bottle Top Bill and His Best Friend Corky. (R) **8.25** Angelina Ballerina. **8.45** Rupert Bear. (R) **9.00** Ben and Holly's Little Kingdom. (R) **9.10** Toby's Travelling Circus. **9.25** Roary the Racing Car. (R) **9.40** Jelly Jam. (R) **10.00** Power Rangers Samurai. **10.35** Batman: The Brave and the Bold. **11.10** Cowboy Builders. (R) **12.05** World's Scariest Flights. (R) **1.05** Film: Willy Wonka and the Chocolate Factory. (1971) **3.05** Film: Groundhog Day. (1993) **5.10** Film: Monsters, Inc. (2001)
7.05 **Willis and Kate: Baby Fever**. Royal experts and insiders discuss the possibility of the Duke and Duchess of Cambridge having a child, and speculate on how they might deal with the challenges of parenthood. (R)
8.05 **5 News Weekend**.
8.10 **Film: Judge Dredd**. (1995) Sci-fi thriller, starring Sylvester Stallone.
10.00 **Film: Tears of the Sun**. (2003) Action drama, starring Bruce Willis.
12.00 **Saving Private Ryan**: The True Story. (R) **12.55** SuperCasino. **4.00** The FBI Files. (R) **4.50** County Secrets. (R) **5.00** Hattie's Helpline. (R) **5.10** The Milkshake! Show. (R) **5.35** Thomas & Friends. (R) **5.45** Roary the Racing Car. (R)

DIGITAL

BBC Three
7.00 Formula 1: Singapore Grand Prix Highlights. **8.00** **Film**: National Treasure (2004) **10.00** Family Guy. **10.45** Sad Education. **11.15** **Film**: Surrogates (2009)
BBC Four
7.00 Julia Bradbury's Canal Walks. **7.30** The Story of Light. Entertainment. **9.00** Let's Have a Party! The Piano Genius of Mrs Mills. **10.00** **Film**: Father of My Children (2009) **11.45** British Passions on Film
ITV2
2.30 **Film**: King Ralph (1991) **4.30** The X Factor. **6.00** The Xtra Factor. **7.00** **Film**: Uncle Buck (1989) **9.00** The Xtra Factor. **10.00** **Film**: The Mummy: Tomb of the Dragon Emperor (2008)
ITV3
5.05 **Film**: Mutiny on the Buses (1972) **7.00** Lewis. A student Shakespeare production ends in murder. **9.00** **Film**: Mermals (1990) **11.15** Cracker
ITV4
11.00 British Touring Car Championship. Coverage of round eight at Rockingham. **6.00** Minder. **7.00** The Sweeney. **8.00** Premiership Rugby Union. **9.00** Car Crime UK. **10.00** **Film**: Driven to Kill (2009)
E4
3.05 Charlie's Angels. **4.00** New Girl. **4.30** Suburgatory. **4.55** Revenge. **5.55** The Big Bang Theory. **7.45** **Film**: Grease (1978) **10.00** The Inbetweeners. **11.05** 2 Broke Girls. **11.35** New Girl
Film4
3.05 Sister Act (1992) **5.05** To Catch a Thief (1955) **7.15** The Golden Child (1986) **9.00** Beverly Hills Cop (1984) Comedy thriller, starring Eddie Murphy. **11.05** Snake in the Eagle's Shadow (1978)

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Film Choices

MONDAY

Fearless, ITV1, 10.35pm

A respected fighter in China at the turn of the 20th century returns from self-imposed exile with the intention of passing on his knowledge. Wary of his status as a national hero, foreign powers based in China challenge him to enter a tournament so their own champions can destroy him. Martial arts adventure, based on a true story, starring Jet Li and Shido Nakamura. In Mandarin, Japanese and English. (2006)

TUESDAY

The Break-Up, ITV1, 10.35pm

A thirtysomething couple's seemingly perfect relationship deteriorates into a series of petty squabbles. But once they decide to call it a day, another problem presents itself – neither is willing to give up their home, forcing the pair to carry on living together, while each hopes the other will be driven away first. Comedy drama, starring Jennifer Aniston, Vince Vaughn, Jon Favreau and Joey Lauren Adams. (2006)

WEDNESDAY

Lakeview Terrace, Channel 5, 11pm

A bigoted police officer appoints himself guardian of his suburban neighbourhood. When a mixed-race couple move into the house next door, his disapproval of their relationship leads him to begin a campaign of intimidation against them that spirals into violence. Neil LaBute's thriller, starring Samuel L Jackson, Patrick Wilson, Kerry Washington and Ron Glass. (2008)



Quantum of Solace, Friday, ITV1, 10.35pm

THURSDAY

Separated by Murder, Channel 5, 3.05pm

Identical twin sisters who have always had a close relationship are jailed separately after being convicted of conspiring to murder one of their husbands, forcing them to cope without each other for the first time. Fact-based drama, starring Sharon Gless in a dual role alongside Steve Railsback, Ed Bruce and Mark W Johnson. (1994)

FRIDAY

Quantum of Solace, ITV1, 10.35pm

James Bond sets out on a personal mission of vengeance as he pursues the secretive criminal organisation Quantum. His search leads him to the head of an ecological corporation, who is plotting to orchestrate a coup in a Latin American country to get his hands on a precious natural resource. Spy thriller sequel, starring Daniel Craig, Olga Kurylenko, Judi Dench, Gemma Arterton and Mathieu Amalric. (2008)

Pick of the Week

Nigella returns to dish up another tasty treat

She's been off our screens for a while now, but it's probably fair to say that Nigella Lawson has inspired a whole new generation of eager cooks – whether they would be mostly of the male variety because of her, shall we say, descriptive methods of demonstration is purely speculation – but however she's done it, the Beeb's number one food lady is a wealth of knowledge when it comes to all things tasty.

Through her endless well-thought-out telly offerings and a number of recipe books over the years, Nigella has given us reason to stop covering behind our cheesecake when meal-time conversation inevitably turns to who will be the next poor soul to host festivities.

This time around, in **Nigellissima** (Monday, BBC2, 8.30pm), the cook is presenting a guide to Italian cuisine, keen to demonstrate how traditional and exciting meals needn't be a chore to knock up, and can actually use ingredients that

are widely available in most supermarkets. It seems like we're fast running out of excuses for slobbing out on the sofa and ordering takeaways.

The kitchen set in which she will be working her magic has been purposely built and modelled entirely on her own kitchen at home, so she's bound to be a dab-hand, right? Not that that was ever in doubt.

She recently explained, on her website blog, the reasons for building a replica kitchen for the programme, rather than simply using her own: "I love my new kitchen and would have loved to film in it. But with one child doing GCSEs, another AS exams and yet another A-levels, it would not have been a good idea – or even possible. So we built a copy of my kitchen on set and it feels just like home."

That's just as well because Nigella prides herself on her home-cooking being suitable for bringing together even the busiest of families.

But what has inspired her to choose Italian food to base this latest series around? This isn't Nigella's first taste of the country, as she explains: "When I went to live in Italy when young, I said I'd do anything but clean lavatories; as a chambermaid in Florence, that is what I ended up doing! But I also learned about real Italian food, and by the time I'd left I had found my spiritual and gastronomic home."

"I wanted to make a series of my sort of Italian food, inspired by the ethos and the ingredients, but fused with the way we live our lives, here, in the UK. I care about ease and accessibility, but I care most about passion and taste – and it is these crucial Italian factors I want to bring to the table and the television!"

And first up on the menu is Sicilian pasta with tomatoes, garlic and almonds, a family feast of tagliata and Tuscan fries, and a fiery egg dish designed for late-night parties... so good we can almost taste it.

Welcome back Nigella!



Nigella Lawson presents Nigellissima, Monday, BBC2, 8.30pm

Best of the Rest

MONDAY

Leaving

ITV1, 9pm

Come September, the nights might be showing signs of drawing in all too early, and the kids might be whining about starting school again, but in broadcasting terms, for ITV it means it's the start of a brand new season of fantastic dramas. Of course this latest offering from the pen of Tony Marchant has been no exception. His dramas aren't known for being light-hearted, cheery affairs; the more taboo the better, and he outdid himself with this three-parter. Alas, like all good things, it must come to an end. In this final instalment, Maxine visits Aaron to ask him to leave her family alone, while Julie realises the liaison must end.

TUESDAY

The Paradise

BBC1, 9pm

ITV1 will soon be bringing us Mr Selfridge, but the BBC has just pipped them to the post in the department store-related-drama stakes with this new series. Based on the novel by Emile Zola, but transported to the north of 19th-century England, it tells the tale of Denise Lovett (Joanna Vanderham), an ambitious country girl who takes a job in Britain's first department store. She soon finds herself falling in love with both the opulent surroundings and the dashing, reckless owner John Moray (Ewan Elliott). With Sarah Lancashire and Patrick Malahide also among the cast, The Paradise looks like a very classy establishment.

The Boy Who Can't Forget

Channel 4, 9pm

Leaving your teenage years behind can be daunting enough – heading into your twenties brings with it a certain sense of responsibility after all. Imagine on top of all that possessing the as-yet inexplicable talent of being able to recall years-old memories in such a detailed fashion that you're considered a phenomenon. Twenty-year-old Audrelien knows it only too well, and is the first Briton to go public with the unbelievable trait. Audrelien is put to the test by eight-time world memory champion Dominic O'Brien, and examined by memory expert Professor Giuliana Mazzoni. This ability is known as superior autobiographical memory – but just how can seemingly ordinary people have such power that we didn't believe it possible humans could possess?

WEDNESDAY

Who Do You Think You Are?

BBC1, 9pm

Over the past 50 plus years, Coronation Street has been more than just an ITV serial. Like fish and chips and Blackpool rock, it's been part of British life, and at the heart of it, one man: Ken Barlow. Taking a break from Weatherfield, William Roache delves into his family's history for episode seven of the hit genealogy show. It proves to

be an emotional journey for the veteran actor as he discovers revelations about his grandfather, Albert; why his mum Hester left Blackpool when she was three months old, and how his family was held together by his grandmother, Zillah Waddicor. Plus, he also discovers his great-grandad's 'shocking' business which helped Victorian clients on Blackpool's seafloor.

Drugs Live: The Ecstasy Trial

Channel 4, 10pm

One imagines that if any TV programme were to carry the caveat of 'don't try this at home', it's this one. Presented by Dr Christian Jessen and Jon Snow, this revealing documentary really does do exactly what it says on the tin – the hosts invite a range of volunteers into a controlled environment where they will take MDMA (the purest form of Ecstasy). They will be monitored, of course – scientists David Nutt and Val Curran are on-hand to explore the effects, side-effects and long-term consequences for users.

THURSDAY

Homefront

ITV1, 9pm

The X Factor may get the headlines, but



The Paradise, Tuesday, BBC1, 9pm

ITV1's drama output has been quietly excelling over the past month or so. The channel has brought us Mrs Biggs, A Mother's Son, Leaving and The Bletchley Circle, and this promising new series looks set to keep up the standard. With an impressive cast, it focuses on a group of military wives who are struggling to keep the home fires burning while their husbands are serving overseas. The first episode reminds us of what's at stake as Tasha (Anthonia Thomas) discovers her husband Matt has been killed in action. Claire (Claire Skinner) faces her first big test as she discovers that being the fiancée of Major Pete Bartham (Greg Wise) brings with it certain responsibilities.

FRIDAY

Piers Morgan's Life Stories: Denise Welch

ITV1, 9pm

Actress Denise Welch first shot to fame in Soldier Soldier and Coronation Street, but if the press reports can be believed, at times she's seemed like a one-woman soap opera. Not only have viewers got used to seeing her chatting frankly on shows such as Loose Women and Celebrity Big Brother – which she won earlier this year – but various aspects of her personal life have been splashed across the papers as well. So, we should probably expect a very candid edition of Life Stories as she talks to Piers about her decision to announce the end of her 24-year marriage to fellow actor Tim Healy live on TV, as well as her recent engagement to toyboy Lincoln Towney.

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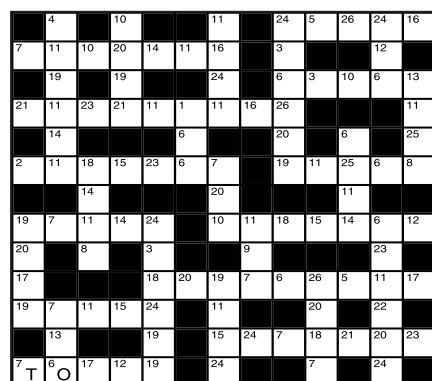
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Codeword

Each number in the grid represents a different letter of the alphabet and every letter of the alphabet is used. Use the given letter(s) to the right of the main grid to start you off.



LAST WEEK'S SOLUTION:

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13
I	S	R	U	Y	A	B	Z	V	F	N	G	J
E	K	D	H	T	Q	L	W	M	O	X	C	P

Double Crossword

Choose either quick or cryptic clues - both fit the same grid.

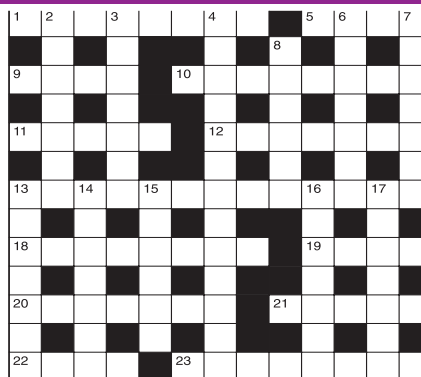
Cryptic Clues:

Across

1. It's no good, being despondent (8)
5. Customs applications (4)
9. Thought I'd get an early start (4)
10. A greedy animal in many a wood (8)
11. Cheap cuts? (5)
12. Result of heavenly intervention? (7)
13. If they work, they help the rest (8,5)
18. Surprise shots in a melee (8)
19. Ridicules the tent supports (4)
20. Such twins were once inseparable (7)
21. Non-clerical people have a song about it (5)
22. Call for a napkin? (4)
23. Moneylender's overtures? (8)

Down

2. It could be first or second (7)
3. Model, formerly fat? (7)
4. Disagree in a capital way (5,4,4)
6. Knife that is a brave trophy to the Span-ish (7)
7. It's shown by a person who's retiring (7)
8. Put away the chart and attend (4,2)
13. Possibly spares around Rumania's capital are more scarce (7)
14. Board transport in the middle of a violent rainstorm (7)
15. Written in captivity (6)
16. It's inherent in cereal (7)
17. Worn in early life, yet late perhaps (7)



Quick Clues:

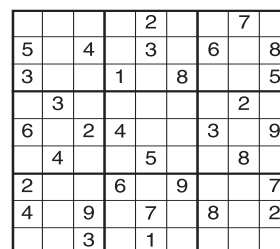
Across

1. Finished (8)
5. Deeds (4)
9. Labyrinth (4)
10. Estrange (8)
11. Polite (5)
12. Reviling (7)
13. On purpose (13)
18. In company (8)
19. Cheek (4)
20. Result (7)
21. Odd (5)
22. Air (4)
23. Amaze (8)

Down

2. Speech (7)
3. Exact (7)
4. Garrulity (13)
6. Of the skull (7)
7. Landscape (7)
8. Come back (6)
13. Opening anthem (7)
14. Screw up (7)
15. Idea (6)
16. Postpone (7)
17. Unruly (7)

Sudoku



Fill in the grid below so that every column, every row and each of the 3x3 boxes contains all the digits from 1 to 9.

LAST WEEK'S SOLUTIONS >

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
6	1	7	4	9	8	5	3	2
5	8	2	3	7	1	4	9	6
8	2	4	9	1	6	7	5	3
7	9	6	5	8	3	2	4	1
3	5	1	7	2	4	9	6	8
2	6	8	1	4	5	3	7	9
4	3	9	2	6	7	8	1	5
1	7	5	8	3	9	6	2	4

LAST WEEK'S CROSSWORD SOLUTIONS:
CRYPTIC - Across: 1 Airing; 4 Either; 9 Rousing chorus; 10 Everest; 11 Robin; 12 Steps; 14 Stair; 18 Lower; 19 Subject; 21 Steering wheel; 22 Relays; 23 Usages. Down: 1 Agreed; 2 Roulette wheel; 3 Naive; 5 Inherit; 6 Hard-boiled egg; 7 Rising; 8 Agate; 13 Portray; 15 Closer; 16 Using; 17 Stills; 20 Bows. QUICK - Across: 1 Plight; 4 Panper; 9 Expostulation; 10 Torment; 11 Dwell; 12 Quell; 14 Unfit; 18 Urban; 19 Recline; 21 Subject-matter; 22 Events; 23 Starry. Down: 1 Plenty; 2 Imperturbable; 3 Haste; 5 Abandon; 6 Prime Minister; 7 Rankle; 8 Rusty; 13 Lenient; 15 Pursue; 16 Trite; 17 Hearty; 20 Chart.

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Two days departing December 8



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The square of this 300 year old village is closed for the day and even Santa goes on foot, along with the donkey who leads the procession.

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Theatre Dine and Dance Choice of shows

Two days selected weekend departure dates



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- Ticket for the Saturday matinee performance
- After dinner disco at the hotel
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Rome city breaks

Three days various departure dates



PRICE FROM **£219**

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- Two nights bed and breakfast accommodation
- Choice of hotels
- Option to stay additional nights
- Single rooms subject to availability - supplement applies

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Two days departing January 23



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Two days departing November 17



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- Visit to Christkindlemarkt, Leeds
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Three days various departure dates



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Two days departing November 25 and 30



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- Overnight bed and breakfast accommodation
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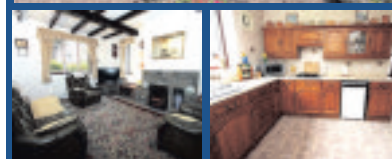
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- ★ Dining room
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BIRD STREET**

- ★ Detached
- ★ Lounge
- ★ Formal Dining Room
- ★ Utility
- ★ Fitted Kitchen
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- ★ Ground floor cloaks
- ★ Two bedrooms
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- Impressive traditional semi detached property
- Three bedrooms
- Attractive lounge
- Superb re-fitted extended dining kitchen with built in oven & electric hob and dishwasher
- Re-fitted bathroom with shower over bath
- Gas central heating & upvc double glazing

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- Deceptively spacious three storey house
- Close to town centre
- Three large bedrooms
- Lounge
- Large kitchen with dining area
- Ground floor shower room
- Gas central heating & upvc double glazing

£550 pcm NEW



- Splendid modern furnished town house,
- Two double bedrooms
- Attractive lounge with laminate flooring
- Fitted breakfast kitchen with built in oven & hob, washing machine and fridge, freezer
- Bathroom with shower over bath
- Gas central heating & upvc double glazing
- Delightful rear garden

£525 pcm No DSS No F NEW



- Impressive terraced property
- Refurbished throughout to a very high standard
- Three bedrooms
- Splendid lounge
- Separate dining room with gas fire
- Superb refitted white gloss kitchen with cooker
- Refitted ground floor bathroom with shower over the bath

£525 pcm No DSS No F NEW



- Superb spacious terraced property
- Three bedrooms
- Two reception rooms
- Fitted kitchen
- Bathroom with shower over bath
- Gas central heating
- Rear garden

£525 pcm NEW



- Superb mid terraced property
- Two bedrooms
- Attractive lounge
- Fitted breakfast kitchen with built in oven and hob
- Bathroom with jacuzzi bath and electric shower over
- Gas central heating & upvc double glazing
- Large rear garden

£495 PCM NEW



- Splendid end terraced property
- Two bedrooms
- Attractive lounge with feature fire place
- Separate dining area
- Attractive fitted kitchen with cooker
- Re-fitted bathroom with small corner bath
- Gas central heating & upvc double glazing
- Delightful rear garden

£450 pcm No DSS No F NEW



- Splendid terraced property
- Two double bedrooms
- Attractive lounge with feature fireplace
- Archway to dining room
- Fitted kitchen with built in oven & hob
- Bathroom
- Gas central heating & double glazing
- Large rear garden

£450 pcm NEW



- Superb ground floor apartment
- One double bedroom
- Attractive lounge
- Fitted kitchen with cooker
- Re-fitted bathroom with shower over bath
- Electric heating
- Rear parking and communal gardens

£395 pcm No DSS No Pets No F NEW



- Impressive modern first floor apartment
- One bedroom
- Splendid lounge
- Superb kitchen with oven, hob and fridge
- Electric heating
- Bathroom
- Intercom entrance hall
- Delightful communal gardens
- Allocated parking

£425 pcm No DSS No F NEW



- Spacious first floor apartment
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Guide: £90,000/£110,000

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FRIDAY 21st SEPTEMBER @ 10.30 am



25 SOMERFORD PLACE, WILLENHALL

An impressive Detached Late Victorian House used as Two Flats
Ground Floor: Hall, Lounge, Kitchen, Two Bedrooms, Bathroom, WC, Cellar
First Floor: Lounge, Kitchen, Two Bedrooms, smart Shower Room, Separate WC
Driveway at side, Garage, Outbuilding and Garden

Guide: £93,000/£98,000

VIEWING:

THURSDAY & FRIDAY, 20th & 21st SEPTEMBER @ 12 noon



57 CENTRAL DRIVE, COSELEY

A large immaculately presented First Floor Flat overlooking an open green and with the benefit of Garden to the rear
Spacious Lounge, well appointed Kitchen, Three Bedrooms, smart Bathroom
Gas Central Heating, Store and Outside Store

Guide: £59,000/£64,000

VIEWING: FRIDAY 21st SEPTEMBER @ 1 pm
& SATURDAY 22nd SEPTEMBER @ 12.30 pm



24 ST JUDES ROAD WEST, NEWBRIDGE, WOLVERHAMPTON

Located close to the Girls' High School and within a mile of the City Centre
A character Semi-Detached in need of modernisation
Two Reception, Kitchen, Lounge, Dining Room, Two Bedrooms, Bathroom
Long Rear Garden

Guide: £73,000/£78,000

VIEWING: THURSDAY 20th SEPTEMBER @ 1.00 pm
& SATURDAY 22nd SEPTEMBER @ 11.30 am



70/70A WROTESLEY ROAD, TETTENHALL

In a prime residential area, a Detached Property comprising Two Self-Contained Flats
Each offers Kitchen, Lounge, Dining Room, Two Bedrooms, Bathroom, Outside - Two Garages and delightful extensive Gardens

Guide: £250,000/£270,000

VIEWING: THURSDAY 20th
SEPTEMBER @ 1.45 pm & SATURDAY
22nd SEPTEMBER @ 10.30 am



82 CROSS ROAD, ALBRIGHTON

A short distance from the centre of this attractive and popular village which offers most amenities.
A Three Bedroomed Semi overlooking open fields and with pleasant Rear Garden
Improvement/modernisation needed

Guide: £93,000/£98,000

VIEWING: THURSDAY 20th SEPTEMBER @ 3.00 pm
& SATURDAY 22nd SEPTEMBER @ 9.30 am



131 WINDSOR AVENUE, PENN

Now a little tired but an excellent opportunity to refurbish a Three Bed Semi in a popular residential area
Hall, Two Reception, Kitchen, Bathroom, old Garage
Front and Rear Gardens currently managed by nature!

Guide: £93,000/£98,000

VIEWING: FRIDAY & SATURDAY, 21st & 22nd
SEPTEMBER @ 9.30 am



Well presented End Terraced at head of cul de sac
Modernised with Upvc windows, Central Heating, modern Kitchen, GF Bathroom, Two Reception, Three Bedrooms, smart FF Shower Room
Verandah, enclosed Garden at rear

Guide: £48,000/£53,000

VIEWING: FRIDAY & SATURDAY, 21st & 22nd
SEPTEMBER @ 11.00 am



Two Reception, Kitchen, Shower Room, Two Double Bedrooms & Bathroom
Very large Workshop/Store at rear - approx 1,100 sq ft.
Double doors for access at side

Guide: £85,000/£95,000

VIEWING: FRIDAY & SATURDAY,
21st & 22nd SEPTEMBER @ 11.45 am



On a large corner plot this well presented Semi overlooks parkland
Two Reception and Study area, Kitchen, fitted Cloakroom,
Three Bedrooms, Bathroom

Gas CH, upvc Windows, Two Drives & Garage, pleasant Garden

Guide: £88,000/£93,000

VIEWING: FRIDAY & SATURDAY,
21st & 22nd SEPTEMBER @ 12.30 pm



Large Semi with rear vehicular access and Garage
Upvc Windows, Gas CH
Two Reception, Kitchen, Bathroom, Three Bedrooms, First Floor WC
Two Outside Stores, attractive Garden

Guide: £58,000/£63,000

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• A Bay Fronted Semi Detached • Three Bedrooms • Lounge • Fitting Dining Kitchen • Attic Room Having Pull Down Ladder • Gas Central Heating System • Double Glazing Where Stated • Extensive Rear Garden • Driveway • Viewing Recommended

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• Three Bedroom Semi Detached Residence • Lounge • Fitted Dining Kitchen • Utility Room • Double Glazing Where Stated • Gas Central Heating System • Garage • No Chain

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• Three Bedroom Semi Detached • Lounge • Extended Kitchen • Dining Room • Ground Floor Bathroom • Upstairs Toilet • Gas Central Heating System • Double Glazing Where Stated

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CITY ROAD

• An Improved Three Bedroom Mid Terrace • Attic Room • Lounge/Dining Room • Fitted Extended Bathroom • Having White Suite • Double Glazing Where Stated • Gas Central Heating System • Driveway • Rear Garden

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LANGSTONE ROAD

• An Extended Semi Detached Two Bedrooms • Extended Kitchen • Extended Dining Room • Lounge • Gas Central Heating System • Double Glazing Where Stated

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PARK ROAD

• Extended Mid Terraced Residence • Three Bedrooms • Two Reception Rooms • Extended Kitchen • Ground Floor Bathroom • Gas Central Heating System • Double Glazing Where Stated

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Offers around £154,950



**PENSNETT
DREADNOUGHT ROAD**

Available at a realistic asking price, this attractively presented Modern 3 Bedroomed with Detached residence provides deceptively spacious well planned gas centrally heated and Upvc double glazed accommodation ideal for the young family in this popular and convenient address with NO UPWARD CHAIN the accommodation includes:- Hall, Spacious Lounge with Dining Area, Fitted Kitchen, 3 Good Bedrooms, Re-fitted Bathroom with 'spa' bath and shower, separate W.C., good sized Side Garage, Driveway and Pleasant Rear Garden.

Offers around £147,500



**NETHERTON
ST. ANDREWS STREET**

This spacious 3 Bedroomed "Abutted" Detached residence provides Victorian charm and character in this popular and convenient address and although requires upgrading and improvement provides tremendous further potential. Briefly comprises:- Hall, Spacious Lounge, Separate Dining Room, Rear Utility, Kitchen, 3 Excellent Bedrooms, Large Bathroom, Side Carport/Potential Garage and Pleasant Mature Rear Gardens

Offers around £139,950



**BROCKMOOR
LEYS ROAD**

This attractive, recently redecorated Modern 3 Bedroomed Detached provides deceptively spacious gas centrally heated and Upvc double glazed family accommodation conveniently positioned with pleasant views to the rear in this popular address. Briefly comprises:- Hall, Downstairs W.C., Spacious Lounge, Fitted Kitchen with built in oven and hob, 3 Bedrooms, Bathroom (refitted with shower Cubicle but requiring minor finishing works), Integral Garage, Pleasant Rear Gardens with sunny open aspect and Driveway for 3/4 Cars to the Front.

Offers around £129,950



**QUARRY BANK
JUDGE ROAD**

Pleasantly situated in this ever popular cul-de-sac, this attractively presented Modern 3 Bed Semi provides spacious gas centrally heated and Upvc double glazed accommodation ideal for the young family and is available at a keen asking price. Briefly comprises:- Large Hall, Spacious Lounge, Fitted Kitchen, 3 Excellent Bedrooms, Spacious Bathroom, Garage, Pleasant Lawned Rear Gardens and Driveway for 2 Cars.

Offers around £124,950



**HOLLY HALL
NEWLAND GROVE**

A superbly presented, stylishly improved Traditional 3 Bedroomed End Townhouse providing spacious gas centrally heated and UPVC double glazed accommodation ideal for the discerning young family in this established address. Briefly comprises:- Hall, Attractive Lounge, Superb Re-fitted Dining Kitchen, 3 Bedrooms, Attractive Re-fitted Bathroom with shower, Pleasant Good Sized Lawned and Landscaped Rear Gardens with private outlook and Driveway for 2 cars to the front.

Offers around £114,950



**BRIERLEY HILL
ORCHARD STREET**

A superbly presented and very stylishly improved 2 Bed Semi providing deceptively spacious gas centrally heated and Upvc double glazed family accommodation for the discerning of young families or First Time Buyers in this popular and convenient address. Briefly comprises:- Hall, Attractive Lounge, magnificent refitted Dining Kitchen with built-in oven, hob, dishwasher, fridge and freezer, 2 excellent Bedrooms, sumptuous refitted Shower Room, beautiful landscaped rear gardens with Summer House and pleasant private outlook and driveway for 2 cars to the front.

Offers around £99,950



**BRIERLEY HILL
FISHER STREET**

This superbly presented, stylishly appointed 3 Bedroomed Semi-Detached residence provides spacious gas centrally heated and part Upvc double glazed accommodation ideal for the discerning young family in this popular and very convenient cul-de-sac and must definitely be seen to be appreciated. Briefly comprises:- Hall, Spacious Lounge with Dining Area, Double Glazed Conservatory, Superbly Refitted Kitchen with built-in oven and hob, 3 Good Bedrooms, fitted Bathroom with shower attachment and Splendid good sized lawned Rear Gardens with pleasant outlook.

Offers around £89,950



**PENSNETT
PRIMROSE PARK**

This attractively presented, Modern 2 Bedroomed 'Mews' Bungalow is pleasantly situated in this ever popular 'Courttyard' development offering peace of mind and represents a superb opportunity for the over 60's. With gas central heating and double glazing, the accommodation includes:- Porch/Hall, Lounge, Fitted Kitchen, 2 Bedrooms, Bathroom, Double Glazed Conservatory, Maintained Grounds, Parking Area and Secure Entrance.

Offers around £92,500



**BRIERLEY HILL
WALLOW ROAD**

This attractively presented, stylishly improved 2 Bedroomed Semi-Detached provides deceptively spacious gas centrally heated and Upvc double glazed accommodation ideal for the discerning young family or First Time Buyer and briefly comprises:- Hall, Attractive Lounge, Refitted Dining Kitchen, 2 Good Bedrooms, Refitted Bathroom with Shower, pleasant low maintenance Good Sized Rear Gardens and Gravelled Driveway for 2 cars to the front.

Offers around £87,950



**BROCKMOOR
CRESSETT AVENUE**

Pleasantly situated with larger than average gardens at the head of this popular cul-de-sac, this 3 Bed Semi-Detached provides deceptively spacious Upvc double glazed accom with night storage heating and although requiring certain improvement provides tremendous further potential with NO UPWARD CHAIN. Briefly comprises:- Hall, Lounge, Kitchen, Utility, Downstairs W.C., 2 good Bedrooms, refitted Shower Room and Large Lawned Rear and Side Gardens with pleasant southerly facing outlook.

Offers around £82,500



**PENSNETT
BELL STREET**

Pleasantly situated in this popular address convenient for Russells Hall Hospital this spacious 3 Bedroomed Semi-detached residence provides gas centrally heated and part double glazed accommodation ideal for the young family and although requiring certain upgrading provides tremendous further potential. With NO UPWARD CHAIN the accommodation briefly comprises:- Hall, Lounge, Separate Dining Room, Kitchen, Further Kitchen/Utility, 3 Good Bedrooms, Shower Room, enclosed Rear Garden with Garage (existing) and Rear Vehicular Access and Pleasant Front Garden

Offers around £83,000



**BRIERLEY HILL
PLANET ROAD**

This delightfully presented, much improved Modern 2 Bedroomed First Floor Flat provides well planned gas centrally heated and Upvc double glazed accommodation ideal for the discerning first time buyer and is pleasantly situated in this popular and very convenient address. Briefly comprises:- Hall and stairs to Central Landing, Spacious Lounge, Superbly Refitted Kitchen, 2 Bedrooms, Fitted Bathroom and Shower, Parking areas close by and small Side Garden area. NO UPWARD CHAIN. IDEAL INVESTMENT

Offers around £69,950



**PENSNETT
HIGH OAK**

Well presented 3 bed Inner Terrace located in the heart of Pensnett and convenient for Russells Hall Hospital. Gas Central Heating. 2 Reception Rooms, Useful Cellar, Downstairs W.C., 3 Good Bedrooms, Bathroom with Separate Shower, No Pets/DSS/Smokers. Car Parking to Rear. Available Immediately. Deposit £650.00

£450 PCM EX



**BRIERLEY HILL
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Louise House, High St, PENSNETT



Offers Around £79,750

- A spacious modern ground floor flat
- Re-fitted kitchen and bathroom
- Immaculate show home standard throughout!
- Lounge, hall, bedroom, kitchen, shower room
- Allocated parking



NEW

THREE BEDROOM

St Marks Road, DUDLEY



Offers Around £130,000

- Three bedroom semi-detached home
- Cul-de-sac location on modern development
- Re-fitted kitchen, garage, lounge/dining room
- Bathroom, en-suite bathroom
- NO CHAIN



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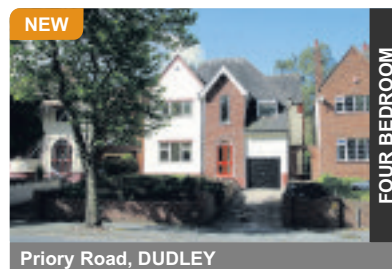
THREE BEDROOM

St Catherines Close, DUDLEY



Offers Around £149,950

- Modern detached family home
- Three bedrooms, en-suite and bathroom
- Lounge/dining room, kitchen, conservatory
- Garage, driveway for several cars and a good sized rear garden
- Cul-de-sac location



NEW

FOUR BEDROOM

Priory Road, DUDLEY



Offers Around £279,000

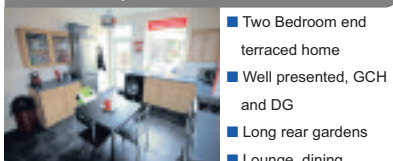
- Fabulous spacious detached family home
- Extensively and stylishly refurbished
- Through lounge/dining room, conservatory
- Superb dining kitchen, utility and shower room



NEW

TWO BEDROOM

Mace Street, CRADLEY HEATH



Offers Around £99,950

- Two Bedroom end terraced home
- Well presented, GCH and DG
- Long rear gardens
- Lounge, dining kitchen and cellar



NEW

TWO BEDROOM

Aston Road, OLDBURY



Offers Around £99,950

- Traditional semi-detached house
- Lounge, dining kitchen and conservatory
- Driveway and gardens to front and rear
- Majority double glazed with gas and electric heating



NEW

Selbourne Road, DUDLEY

FOUR BEDROOM

- Three storey period end terraced house
- FOUR BEDROOMS
- Overlooking Buffery Park
- Through lounge/dining room
- GARAGE, and gardens to the rear
- NO UPWARD CHAIN

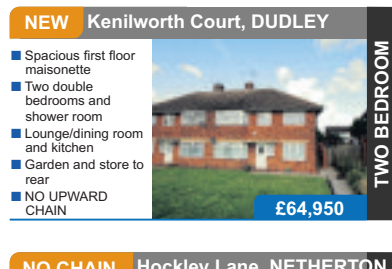
£249,959



St James Road, DUDLEY

- Three bedroom Traditional semi-detached house
- Very well maintained and presented
- Two reception rooms, kitchen, bathroom
- Driveway and established gardens

£140,000



NEW

Kenilworth Court, DUDLEY

- Spacious first floor maisonette
- Two double bedrooms and shower room
- Lounge/dining room and kitchen
- Garden and store to rear
- NO UPWARD CHAIN

£64,950



NO CHAIN Hockley Lane, NETHERTON

- Individual spacious detached house
- In need of sympathetic updating
- Three bedrooms and bathroom
- No Upward Chain
- Ideal for extension/enlargement

£169,950

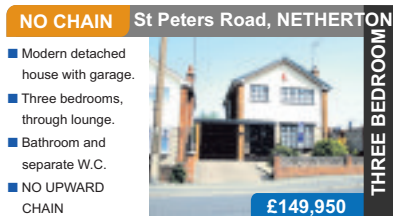


Hillman Drive, Oakham, DUDLEY

FOUR BEDROOM

- Fantastic Executive Detached House
- Four bedrooms, en-suite and house bathroom
- Two receptions, office, W.C., conservatory
- Double garage and corner plot with views to rear

£249,950



NO CHAIN St Peters Road, NETHERTON

THREE BEDROOM

- Modern detached house with garage.
- Three bedrooms, through lounge.
- Bathroom and separate W.C.
- NO UPWARD CHAIN

£149,950



NO CHAIN

Watsons Green Road, DUDLEY

TWO BEDROOM

- Two bedroom terraced house
- In need of updating
- NO UPWARD CHAIN
- Two reception rooms, kitchen, bathroom
- Rear garden, double glazed, extended

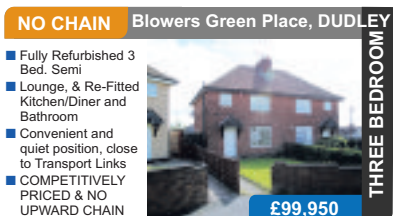
£62,950



Forest Road, DUDLEY

- Period end terraced house
- Three bedrooms, W.C. and bathroom
- Re-fitted 'Ikea' kitchen and dining area
- Lounge with contemporary fire
- Enclosed rear garden and parking

£114,950

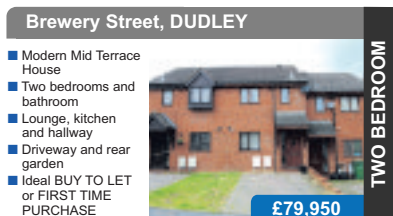


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THREE BEDROOM

- Fully Refurbished 3 Bed. Semi
- Lounge, & Re-Fitted Kitchen/Diner and Bathroom
- Convenient and quiet position, close to Transport Links
- COMPETITIVELY PRICED & NO UPWARD CHAIN

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Brewery Street, DUDLEY

TWO BEDROOM

- Modern Mid Terrace House
- Two bedrooms and bathroom
- Lounge, kitchen and hallway
- Driveway and rear garden
- Ideal BUY TO LET or FIRST TIME PURCHASE

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Stourbridge Road, DUDLEY

THREE BEDROOM

- Extended Traditional Semi Detached house
- Lounge, dining room, kitchen
- Three Bedrooms and shower room
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NO CHAIN Perry Close, DUDLEY

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- A 3 Bed split level detached property
- In a desirable area with beautiful open aspect views to the rear.
- A recently constructed luxury conservatory,
- Upvc double glazed windows,
- Gas central heating
- Garage & driveway providing,
- Viewing is highly recommended

OFFERS IN THE REGION OF £229,950

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IVY HOUSE LANE

- A superb traditional detached
- Enhance throughout, retaining some original features
- Two reception rooms
- Breakfast kitchen and utility
- Downstairs cloakroom
- Three bedrooms
- Luxuriously appointed bathroom
- Delightful rear garden

OFFERS IN THE REGION OF £194,950

LOWER GORNAL



ROBERT STREET

- Traditional style 3 bed detached
- Spacious extended accommodation
- Two reception rooms
- Breakfast kitchen • Utility
- Downstairs wc • Stores
- Garage • Attractive rear garden with panoramic views
- NO UPWARD CHAIN

OFFERS IN THE REGION OF £179,950

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BATH STREET

- A detached property full of character
- Offers spacious accommodation
- Lounge • 20ft dining kitchen
- Conservatory
- Three double bedrooms
- Large Fourth bedroom/ office over garage with own separate entrance
- Most attractive rear gardens

OFFERS IN THE REGION OF £169,950

LOWER GORNAL



WALLOWS WOOD

- A traditional 3 bed bay fronted semi
- Desirable location - open aspect to rear
- Open plan lounge and dining room
- Extended modern kitchen
- Upvc double glazing
- Gas central heating
- Garage with utility area
- Private rear gardens, sunny aspect

OFFERS IN THE REGION OF £164,950

ETTINGSHALL PARK



FARRINGTON ROAD

- A well presented 'Muklow' style semi
- Extended lounge opening into dining room
- Breakfast Kitchen • Cloakroom
- Three good sized bedrooms
- Modern bathroom
- Open views from 1st floor
- Garage & driveway
- NO UPWARD CHAIN

OFFERS IN THE REGION OF £162,500

DUDLEY



THE BROADWAY

- An extended traditional style three bed semi
- Downstairs playroom/Bedroom 4
- Open plan Lounge/dining room
- Enlarged modern kitchen
- Utility area, downstairs wc
- Generous sized rear garden
- Garage

OFFERS IN THE REGION OF £162,500

COSELEY



BRIDGEWATER DRIVE

- An extended detached family home
- Modern breakfast kitchen
- Lounge & conservatory
- Four good size bedrooms
- En-suite to master bedroom
- Garage with utility facilities
- Off road parking

OFFERS IN THE REGION OF £159,950

LOWER GORNAL



WINSARCROFT

- Modern style semi-detached
- Quiet cul-de-sac location
- Contemporary fitted kitchen
- Lounge and conservatory
- Three bedrooms, ensuite to master
- Garage
- Off road parking

OFFERS IN THE REGION OF £159,950

ETTINGSHALL PARK



WENDOVER ROAD

- Attractively presented three bed semi
- Open plan lounge & dining room
- Conservatory
- Modern bathroom
- Gas central heating
- UPVC double glazing
- Extensive beautiful gardens
- Garage & block paved driveway

OFFERS IN THE REGION OF £157,950

COSELEY



BRIDGEWATER DRIVE

- A modern three bed detached
- Convenient for Coseley train Station
- Lounge • Open plan dining room
- Contemporary kitchen
- Sun room
- Upvc double glazing
- Gas central heating
- Garage

OFFERS IN THE REGION OF £157,750

COSELEY



LANGLEY AVENUE

- A generous size 3 bed detached
- Extended and enhanced throughout
- Lounge and dining room
- Breakfast kitchen & utility
- Guest cloakroom
- Rear garden with feature decked area
- Garage and driveway parking
- Viewing highly recommended

OFFERS IN THE REGION OF £157,500

DUDLEY



THE BROADWAY

- 3 bed semi, REFURBISHED
- Separate front lounge
- Open plan rear dining room -
- Extended contemporary kitchen
- Downstairs wc
- New central heating system
- Private south facing rear garden
- NO UPWARD CHAIN

OFFERS IN EXCESS OF £150,000

WOODSETTON



PARKES HALL ROAD

- DETACHED 3 bed semi
- Enhanced throughout
- Two reception rooms
- Extended breakfast kitchen
- Upvc double glazed windows
- Gas central heating
- Rear garden with sunny aspect
- Garage & driveway

OFFERS IN THE REGION OF £144,950

SEDGLEY



TURL STREET

- Three bed Detached
- Convenient for Sedgley centre
- Would benefit from some updating
- Lounge, kitchen
- Downstairs wc
- Generous private rear gardens
- Garage & driveway
- NO UPWARD CHAIN

OFFERS IN THE REGION OF £140,000

ETTINGSHALL PARK



CRANBOURNE AVENUE

- A Mucklow style semi-detached
- High standard of accommodation, contemporary theme
- Two reception rooms
- Modern kitchen with integrated appliances
- Three double bedrooms
- Garage and driveway
- Excellent sized rear garden

OFFERS IN EXCESS OF £139,995

COSELEY



PAUL PURSEHOUSE ROAD

- Traditional style semi
- Extended to side and rear
- Large through lounge
- Spacious Kitchen diner
- 3 DOUBLE bedrooms
- Extensive, south facing gardens
- Garage & plentiful parking
- NO UPWARD CHAIN

OFFERS IN THE REGION OF £134,950

SEDGLEY



THE VISTA

- A substantial size semi-detached
- Close proximity to Sedgley centre
- Spacious lounge and kitchen
- Two stores, utility and cloakroom
- Three generous sized bedrooms
- Gas central heating
- Part double glazed
- LARGE CORNER PLOT

OFFERS IN EXCESS OF £129,995

HURST HILL, COSELEY



CLIFTON STREET

- An impressive end terraced property enhanced throughout yet retaining some original features
- Spacious dining room with open fire
- Lounge with feature wood burner
- Breakfast kitchen
- Two double bedrooms
- Delightful rear garden
- Viewing highly recommended

OFFERS IN THE REGION OF £119,950

WOLVERHAMPTON



DURBERVILLE ROAD

- ideal property for a 1ST time buyer
- Well presented traditional style semi
- Lounge to the front.
- Rear sitting room with open plan dining area
- Three good sized bedrooms
- Most delightful rear gardens
- Off road parking

OFFERS IN THE REGION OF £115,000

COSELEY



LEGGE LANE

- A delightful three bed semi.
- Extended kitchen
- Two reception rooms
- Gas central heating
- Upvc double glazing
- Low maintenance rear garden
- Sun room and double garage at rear of garden
- Viewing recommended

NEW PRICE £112,500

GORNAL WOOD



BULL STREET

- A traditional three bed semi with lots of potential, in need of updating
- Two reception rooms
- Downstairs bathroom
- WC off main bedroom
- Gas central heating
- Double glazed windows
- Generous sized rear garden
- Driveway parking
- No Upward Chain

OFFERS IN THE REGION OF £104,950

SEDGLEY



NORTH ONE MEWS

- Stylish penthouse apartment
- Amazing views over Penn Common
- Lounge and dining area
- Bedroom with fitted wardrobes
- Upvc double glazing
- Gas central heating
- Allocated parking
- NO UPWARD CHAIN

OFFERS IN THE REGION OF £99,950

DUDLEY PORT



JOHNS LANE

- Modern semi-detached
- Extra large end plot - suitable for development - subject to planning consent
- Lounge, dining kitchen
- Downstairs cloakroom
- Gas central heating
- Double/triple glazed
- NO UPWARD CHAIN

Overs in the region of £99,950

SEDGLEY



NORTH SPRINGFIELD

- A 4 bedroom terraced property
- Close to Sedgley Village centre
- Lounge • Dining kitchen
- Downstairs wc and store room
- Off road parking
- Attractive rear gardens with view of the Beacon
- No Upward Chain.

OFFERS IN THE REGION OF £95,000

COSELEY



GALBRAITH CLOSE

- A well maintained 3 bed semi
- Quiet cul-de-sac location
- Lounge • Dining kitchen
- Rear lobby, downstairs wc.
- Gas central heating
- Upvc double glazing
- Extensive rear gardens
- No Upward Chain

OFFERS IN THE REGION OF £94,950

TIPTON



THUNDERBOLT WAY

- A modern and stylish top floor apartment with outstanding views
- Light and airy lounge with dining area.
- Kitchen with integrated appliances • Useful pantry/store
- Spacious bedroom with built-in wardrobes
- Upvc double glazing and gas central heating
- Secure entry system • Allocated parking
- 5% GIFTED DEPOSIT AVAILABLE

£89,500 with 5% GIFTED DEPOSIT

DUDLEY



RUSSELL STREET

- Conveniently situated for Dudley town centre
- A two bed mid terrace property
- Two reception rooms • Modern kitchen
- Modern upstairs bathroom
- Suitable for left conversion (subject to planning consent)
- Gas central heating
- Upvc double glazed windows

OFFERS IN THE REGION OF £74,950

SEDGLEY



ETTYMORE CLOSE

- Modern two bed maisonette
- Walking distance to Sedgley centre
- Breakfast kitchen & good sized lounge
- Two bedrooms & bathroom on the second level
- UPVC double glazed windows
- NO UPWARD CHAIN
- Ideal first time purchase /buy-to-let

OFFERS IN THE REGION OF £69,950

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Attingham Drive

249,950



A detached three storey property, entrance hall, downstairs cloak, office, kitchen/diner family room, utility area, lounge, bedroom two with en-suite, second floor having master bedroom with en-suite, two further bedrooms & bathroom, driveway, car port & garage, garden to the front & rear.

Paganel Drive Dudley

249,950



An opportunity to purchase an immaculately presented extended three bedroom, semi detached property on the desired Paganel Drive featuring an outdoor hot tub Jacuzzi together with a separate entertainment/games room with bar, terrace balcony leading from the rear bedroom. Property must be viewed.

Newcomen Drive Tipton

199,950



An extended four bedroom detached property benefitting from spacious garden, off road parking to the front of the property, garage, two reception rooms, utility, master bedroom with en-suite. Must be viewed.

New Birmingham Road Tividale

189,950



A traditional detached property, accommodation briefly comprises entrance porch, hallway, two reception rooms, kitchen, verandah, first floor having three bedrooms and bathroom, separate w.c., driveway giving off road parking, garage, gardens to the front and rear, central heating as specified.

Birmingham New Road Tipton

184,995



A traditional detached property, accommodation comprises two reception rooms, kitchen, first floor landing having three bedrooms, bathroom and w.c., driveway giving off road parking, garage, mature rear garden, double glazing as specified, gas central heating.

Porthkerry Grove Sedgley

184,950



An attractive much improved semi detached property on the popular Brownsall Estate. This property has been modernised throughout and benefits from an extended second reception room, garage and off road parking. Must be viewed.

Hurst Lane Tipton

157,500



Viewing is highly recommended to appreciate the size of accommodation on offer, comprises hallway, cloakroom, lounge, kitchen, first floor having bedroom two & bathroom four and family bathroom, second floor having master bedroom with en-suite & bedroom three, rear garden, allocated parking, double glazing as specified.

Brook Street Gornal Wood

146,000



A modern three bedroom mid terrace house comprising entrance hall, cloakroom, lounge, dining room, kitchen, first floor landing, master bedroom with en-suite, two further bedrooms, a family bathroom, driveway giving off road parking, garden to rear. Viewing highly recommended. No Upward Chain.

St Brades Close Tividale

offers over 130,000



An unusually spacious two bedroom link detached property with off road parking & garage, landscaped garden, must be viewed to see its full potential. Ideal first time buyers purchase.

Corbyn Road Russells Hall

119,950



A well presented semi detached property, accommodation comprises hall, through lounge, refitted kitchen, first floor landing having three bedrooms and refitted bathroom, driveway, double glazing as specified, gas central heating. Property must be viewed.

Hillcrest Lower Gornal

119,950



A stylish modernised semi detached property comprising porch, hallway, through lounge, refitted kitchen, utility, cloakroom, first floor landing having two bedrooms, refitted bathroom, block paved driveway, off road parking, garden backing onto woodland having panoramic views. MUST BE VIEWED.

Blackberry Lane Rowley Regis

119,950



Viewing is highly recommended on this traditional and terrace property accommodation briefly comprises entrance hallway, lounge, kitchen/diner, first floor having three bedrooms and bathroom, driveway & garage, gardens to the front and rear, double glazing as specified, central heating. No Upward Chain.

Stable Court Upper Gornal

117,000



An immaculate two bedroom mid terrace, accommodation comprises lounge, kitchen/diner, first floor landing having two bedrooms and refitted bathroom, loft room, driveway, garden to the rear, double glazing as specified, gas central heating.

Regent Drive Tividale

114,950



A traditional extended semi detached property set in a cul-de-sac location comprising entrance hallway, open plan through lounge, extended refitted kitchen, three bedrooms and bathroom, gas central heating and double glazing, front and rear gardens.

Wood Road Lower Gornal

99,950



This double fronted three bedroom semi detached property with loft room, benefits from large rear garden, in need of modernisation, ideal family home, must be viewed to see full potential.

Pebworth Grove Dudley

Offers over £99,950



Set in a cul-de-sac location this two bedroom semi detached property is thoroughly modernised no work required, ideal first time buyers purchase with off road parking to the front and beautiful garden to the rear this property must be viewed.

Attingham Drive Dudley

67,500



This 50% shared ownership home is a perfect chance for all you first time buyers out there to get on the housing market! Spacious and located central to Dudley, this home is one to view!

Himley Road Dudley

45,995



An end terrace property, accommodation comprises kitchen, lounge, bedroom & bathroom, garden to the front and rear, double glazing as specified. Ideal first time purchase or investment opportunity. No Upward Chain.

Russells Hall Road Russells Hall

39,950



A two bedroom first floor flat having entrance door to the side elevation with stairs to the accommodation comprising hallway, lounge, kitchen, two bedroom and bathroom.

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AN INDIVIDUAL & SUBSTANTIAL DETACHED BUNGALOW RESIDENCE which enjoys a delightful canal-side aspect, and a superb corner setting with sweeping front/side lawns, offering an EXCEPTIONALLY SPACIOUS and a BEAUTIFULLY IMPROVED layout of GENEROUS ACCOMMODATION which includes GAS CENTRAL HEATING, UPVC DOUBLE GLAZING, comprising: Entrance Porch, large L shape Reception Hall, huge L shape Lounge with Dining Area off, Breakfast Kitchen, separate Laundry Room, CONSERVATORY, THREE EXCELLENT BEDROOMS, the Master with REFITTED EN-SUITE SHOWER ROOM, and LUXURY REFITTED BATHROOM with spa bath. LARGE BLOCK PAVED DRIVEWAY, DOUBLE GARAGE and BEAUTIFULLY SECLUDED REAR/SIDE GARDENS. KINGSWINFORD OFFICE 01384 401777. £425,000

'Lockside' High Street**KINGSWINFORD****Ploverdale Crescent**

Enjoying a PLEASANT OPEN REAR ASPECT, this SUCCESSFULLY EXTENDED, NOW INCREDIBLY SPACIOUS, MODERN DETACHED FAMILY HOME is very placed upon popular and much sought after Sandpipers, including GAS CENTRAL HEATING, UPVC DOUBLE GLAZING and comprising: entrance porch, reception hall, large lounge, separate formal dining room, refitted kitchen with built-in appliances, utility room, ground floor W.C., FOUR GOOD SIZED BEDROOMS (master with EN-SUITE) and house bathroom. With attractive frontage with lawn and established trees, DRIVEWAY, GARAGE and LARGE LEVEL REAR GARDEN with gated access to further garden area beyond. KINGSWINFORD OFFICE 01384 401777 £219,950

PENSNETT**Elgar Crescent**

This RATHER WELL PRESENTED and VERY WELL ARRANGED, MODERN FOUR BEDROOM DETACHED FAMILY HOME affords GAS CENTRAL HEATING and is situated in this established and desirable residential location, and is certainly worthy of internal inspection. The accommodation is seen to briefly comprises: entrance hall, transverse lounge, refitted kitchen/diner, four good bedrooms, bathroom. Large driveway, garage and a good side rear garden. BRIERLEY HILL OFFICE 01384 265265 £194,950

SEDGLEY**Richmond Road**

A delightful, significantly modernised & ENLARGED, gas centrally heated, semi detached enviable situated within walking distance of the Bull Ring, and all associated amenities. The property has been significantly upgraded and briefly comprises; imposing reception hall (6'4" ceiling height), sitting room with bay & feature 'Living Flame' gas fire, separate dining room with patio doors to garden, extended refitted kitchen with a fine range of 'beech' effect units, and various integrated appliances, pantry. Three bedrooms, refitted bathroom with a white suite, and successful loft conversion fourth bedroom (building regulations secured) with sky lights. Parking, secluded/sheltered rear garden. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888 Offers in the region of £168,500

DUDLEY**St. James Road**

A most attractive, significantly modernised, Freehold, gas centrally heated & UPVC double glazed traditional semi detached of character in favoured "tree lined" road within walking distance of town centre, and so many amenities. Accommodation includes; imposing reception hall (lofty ceiling heights), 27'4" through living room (formerly separate rooms) with bay, and double French doors to garden, refitted kitchen with a fine range of "beech" effect units, and various integrated appliances, pantry. Three bedrooms, refitted bathroom with a white suite. Secluded rear garden. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888 Offers in the region of £159,950

AUDNAM**Junction Road**

A MOST DECEPTIVE, IMPRESSIVELY SPACIOUS AND ATTRACTIVELY APPOINTED, THREE STOREY, MODERN SEMI-DETACHED FAMILY HOME which is conveniently located close to local shops and amenities with Audnam, including GAS CENTRAL HEATING, UPVC DOUBLE GLAZING and comprising: reception hall, lounge with dining space, CONSERVATORY EXTENSION, attractively appointed kitchen with integrated appliances, THREE GOOD SIZED BEDROOMS (master with EN-SUITE SHOWER ROOM) and well appointed house bathroom. With BLOCK PAVED DRIVEWAY to fore and patio / lawned rear garden which enjoys an OPEN REAR ASPECT. KINGSWINFORD OFFICE 01384 401777 £152,950

DUDLEY**Burton Road**

An ENLARGED, tremendously modernised & improved, Freehold, gas centrally heated & UPVC double glazed semi detached with very flexible room arrangements. Accommodation includes; enlarged porch, imposing reception hall, granny/teenager room (with toilet/bathbasin en suite), lounge with bay, dining room, refitted kitchen, pantry, large utility/laundry room. Three bedrooms, refitted bathroom with white suite. Block paved parking to front, neat rear garden. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888 Offers in the region of £152,950

KINGSWINFORD**Monteagle Drive**

Gently elevated within this very popular address upon prestigious Charterfields, this ATTRACTIVELY PRESENTED MODERN SEMI-DETACHED FAMILY HOME offers SPACIOUS and WELL PLANNED accommodation, including GAS CENTRAL HEATING, UPVC DOUBLE GLAZING and comprising: reception hall, full depth lounge through to dining area, fitted kitchen, THREE BEDROOMS and refitted bathroom. With lawned fore garden, DRIVEWAY with approach to GARAGE and to the rear enjoying an ATTRACTIVE SECLUDED GARDEN. KINGSWINFORD OFFICE 01384 401777 £148,950

KINGSWINFORD**Broadmeadow**

OVERLOOKING A PLEASANT OPEN GREEN within this popular address upon sought after, Standford Mere, this THOUGHTFULLY IMPROVED, NOW INCREDIBLY SPACIOUS and WELL PRESENTED, MODERN SEMI-DETACHED DORMERY BUNGALOW is very well placed for local shops and amenities, including GAS CENTRAL HEATING, UPVC DOUBLE GLAZING and comprising: reception hall, spacious lounge, fitted kitchen with built-in appliances, ground floor double bedroom, bathroom and TWO FIRST FLOOR BEDROOMS. With low maintenance frontage and ATTRACTIVELY LAID OUT REAR GARDEN with GARAGE to the rear. KINGSWINFORD OFFICE 01384 401777 £144,950

WALL HEATH**Blaze Hill Road**

Enjoying an OPEN REAR ASPECT and views towards nearby countryside, this MOST DECEPTIVE AND ATTRACTIVELY IMPROVED MID TERRACE HOME is well placed upon the fringe of Wall Heath Village and offers VERY GENEROUSLY PROPORTIONED accommodation, including GAS CENTRAL HEATING, UPVC DOUBLE GLAZING and comprising: Entrance Porch, Reception Hall, large Lounge, separate Dining Room, refitted kitchen with appliances and separate Utility Area, THREE DOUBLE BEDROOMS and refitted Bathroom with separate shower. Elevated and set back beyond levels to the fore, together with a low maintenance frontage and enjoying a BEAUTIFULLY LANDSCAPED LOW MAINTENANCE REAR GARDEN. KINGSWINFORD OFFICE 01384 401777 £129,950

LOWER GORNAL**Roundhouse Road**

Enjoying panoramic distant views, this traditional style, UPVC double glazed, gas centrally heated semi detached home that has been considerably improved/updated by the present owners, and may be of particular interest to first time buyers or young families. The stylish accommodation briefly comprises entrance hall, living room, dining kitchen, three bedrooms, bathroom with white suite. Concrete print drive, and a low maintenance rear garden. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888 Offers in the region of £114,950

SEDGLEY**Dudley Road**

Absolutely outstanding, THREE BEDROOM, UPVC double glazed & gas centrally heated intermediate terrace that has been TRANSFORMED by present vendors over the years to provide a superb home. The stylish accommodation includes; lounge, dining room, refitted kitchen, guest w.c. Two first floor bedrooms, splendid refitted bathroom with white suite, attic bedroom three, and an expertly tended rear garden. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888 Offers in the region of £109,950

WOODCROSS**Beacon Street**

Situated on periphery of Sedgley (just off Bath Street), a tremendously modernised & improved, Freehold, gas centrally heated & UPVC double glazed intermediate "starter home" that has been much enhanced by present vendors. Accommodation provides; lounge, transverse refitted breakfast kitchen with a fine range of "cherrywood" effect units with various integrated appliances. Two bedrooms, refitted bathroom with a white suite. Secluded rear garden, off road parking for 2 vehicles to the front. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888 Offers in the region of £99,950

PENSNETT**Church Street**

Enjoying a position within a close off Church Street itself, this WELL PRESENTED AND IMPROVED TWO BEDROOM SEMI-DETACHED HOME should appeal to first time buyers and has a layout with both GAS CENTRAL HEATING AND DOUBLE GLAZING. To comprise: lovely sitting room, modern kitchen with defined dining area, landing, two bedrooms and bathroom. Block paved drive and enclosed rear garden. BRIERLEY HILL OFFICE 01384 265265 £89,950

LANESFIELD

"Lynhurst Court", Birmingham New Road
An absolutely outstanding, exceptionally well appointed, Top floor, GAS CENTRALLY HEATED & UPVC double glazed flat that has been "transformed" in recent years by present vendors to an exceptional specification. A personal inspection is vital to appreciate the accommodation (entry phone approach system), 18'5" central reception hall, excellent living room with bay, refitted kitchen with a fine range of "maple" effect units & various integrated appliances, THREE BEDROOMS, refitted bathroom with a white suite. Communal grounds & parking. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888 Offers in the region of £79,950

WOODSETTON

An elegant & particularly distinctive detached Victorian family residence that has been lovingly restored over the years by present vendors to an exemplary specification carefully retaining/enhancing so many period features. Lofty ceiling heights throughout, and the gas centrally heated, double glazed accommodation includes; entrance vestibule, imposing reception hall, THREE RECEPTION ROOMS, fitted cloakroom, breakfast kitchen with a fine range of units & Aga, walk-in store, side vestibule & outer porch, extensive vaulted cellarage. FOUR DOUBLE BEDROOMS (one with bathroom en suite), and a further house bathroom. Gravelled driveway, secluded expertly tended rear garden, magnificent views to the rear, and substantial DOUBLE GARAGE. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888 Offers in the region of £355,000

Tipton Road

A substantially extended, traditional, UPVC double glazed & gas centrally heated semi detached provides truly versatile family living space & is situated on the popular Brownsall Estate. The considerably enlarged property has the potential to be sub-divided to create a separate granny annex/teenage apartment & briefly comprises entrance porch, hall, through lounge, kitchen, dining room, guest w.c., five excellent bedrooms (bedrooms 4/5 with separate stairs/entrance), family bathroom with white suite, garage, block paved driveway & a well stocked rear garden. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

DUDLEY**NEW PRICE****Chillingdon Drive, 'Highgate Park'**

An absolutely outstanding, extremely stylish, freehold, gas centrally heated & double glazed detached family home that has been "transformed" in recent years. The accommodation now comprises entrance vestibule, 7-shape reception hall, elegant dining room with bay, cloak, refitted breakfast kitchen with an extensive range of "light beech" effect units with chrome finish detailing and many integrated appliances, laundry, superb lounge with Scandinavian glazed "wing flame" feature fire and a large UPVC double glazed CONSERVATORY beyond, further store, fitted cloakroom, office. Principal bedroom with fitted units & reappointed shower room en suite, three further bedrooms and a reappointed bathroom with white suite. Extensive block paved foregarden, secluded rear garden. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888 Offers in the region of £234,950

WALL HEATH**4 BEDROOMS****Underley Close**

A SUBSTANTIALLY EXTENDED, NOW MOST IMPRESSIVELY SPACIOUS AND BEAUTIFULLY IMPROVED, MODERN FOUR BEDROOM SEMI-DETACHED FAMILY HOME enjoying a delightful cul-de-sac position and very well placed for the area a highly regarded local schooling, including GAS CENTRAL HEATING, UPVC DOUBLE GLAZING and comprising: Entrance Hall, ground floor WC, spacious Lounge with Dining Area off, attractive Kitchen leading through to Utility Room, LARGE GARDEN ROOM EXTENSION, FOUR BEDROOMS, refitted Bathroom and beautifully appointed Shower Room. With attractive foregarden, PAVED/PEBBLED DRIVEWAY, GARAGE and ATTRACTIVELY LANDSCAPED REAR GARDEN. KINGSWINFORD OFFICE 01384 401777 £214,950

DUDLEY

Vendor advises NO UPWARD CHAIN. An exceptionally well presented, tremendously enhanced, Freehold, gas centrally heated & UPVC double glazed detached set in short cul-de-sac and representing a superb example of Bryant's popular "Langdale" design upon now favoured Earls Keep development. Accommodation includes; reception hall, fitted cloakroom, spacious lounge with bay, separate dining room, upgraded kitchen with various integrated appliances. Gallery landing, three bedrooms (principal bedroom with built-in wardrobes & stylish reappointed shower room en suite), bathroom, Enhanced electrical/lighting specification. Garage with automated door. Imaginatively landscaped/secluded rear garden with hot tub, decking & other features. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888 Offers in the region of £197,500

Thoresby Croft, Earls Keep**SEDGLEY**

Dumbleberry Avenue, Brownsall Estate
This substantially extended, traditional, UPVC double glazed & gas centrally heated semi detached provides truly versatile family living space & is situated on the popular Brownsall Estate. The considerably enlarged property has the potential to be sub-divided to create a separate granny annex/teenage apartment & briefly comprises entrance porch, hall, through lounge, kitchen, dining room, guest w.c., five excellent bedrooms (bedrooms 4/5 with separate stairs/entrance), family bathroom with white suite, garage, block paved driveway & a well stocked rear garden. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888 Offers in the region of £194,950

WALL HEATH**£7,000 REDUCTION - NO UPWARD CHAIN**

A SUCCESSFULLY EXTENDED AND ATTRACTIVELY APPOINTED, TRADITIONAL BAY FRONTED SEMI-DETACHED FAMILY HOME superbly located within one of Wall Heath's most sought after addresses and offering GENEROUSLY PROPORTIONED accommodation, including GAS CENTRAL HEATING, UPVC DOUBLE GLAZING, CAVITY WALL INSULATION and comprising: Entrance Porch, Reception Hall, extended lounge, separate formal Dining Room, attractively refitted Kitchen with appliances, Utility Room, Garden Room, THREE GOOD SIZED BEDROOMS and light coloured Bathroom. With attractive foregarden, GOOD SIZED DRIVEWAY, GARAGE and enjoying an ATTRACTIVE AND SECLUDED REAR GARDEN. KINGSWINFORD OFFICE 01384 401777 £187,950

Beachcroft Road

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LOWER GORNAL**Humphrey Street**

NO UPWARD CHAIN. A primarily uPVC DOUBLE GLAZED, and gas centrally heated (combi boiler) detached in popular, particularly convenient, location. The house has been conscientiously maintained although offers further potential, and comprises: entrance porch, reception hall, living room, dining room, recently refitted kitchen (with range of 'light beech' units), utility, separate toilet. Three bedrooms, bathroom with a white suite/shower. Garage, secluded rear garden, block paved foregarden. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

Offers in the region of **£174,950****SEDGLEY****NEW PRICE****Porthkerry Grove, Brownswall Estate**

Stylish, tremendously modernised, gas centrally heated (combi boiler) & uPVC double glazed semi detached in favoured cul de sac upon highly sought after development within walking distance of OPEN FIELDS, schools & other amenities. Superb accommodation includes entrance porch, reception hall, lounge with bay, dining room (with double opening french doors out to the garden), refitted kitchen, outer lobby, separate toilet. Three generous bedrooms (third bedroom enlarged into dormer roof space), reapportioned bathroom with white suite, garage, garden. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

Offers in the region of **£173,500****SEDGLEY****Coppice Close, Brownswall Estate**

A gas centrally heated (combi boiler), uPVC double glazed semi detached with FAR WIDER THAN AVERAGE rear garden set at head of favoured cul-de-sac with additional substantial GARAGE/WORK ROOM. Although the property has been modernised in the past there is further significant potential with the accommodation including: porch, reception hall, lounge with bay, dining room, conservatory, kitchen, lobby, boiler room, verandah. Three bedrooms, bathroom. Integral garage, gardens. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

Offers in the region of **£169,950****COSELEY****Denise Drive**

NO UPWARD CHAIN. An absolutely outstanding, gas centrally heated & uPVC double glazed semi detached (in favoured cul-de-sac) that has been "transformed" by present vendors in recent years. Exemplary standard of accommodation throughout including: entrance porch, reception hall, store, enlarged 16'8" lounge with bay, and "living flame" gas fire, transverse 25'3" refitted "hub of the house" dining kitchen with a range of 'Avanti' units & double doors out to garden. Three generous bedrooms (two with built in double wardrobes) and a further eaves storage (with potential), enlarged/reapportioned bathroom with a white suite. Garage, lengthy garden. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

Offers in the region of **£168,995****SEDGLEY****Chevening Close (Off Richmond Road)**

NO UPWARD CHAIN. A conscientiously maintained, freehold, gas centrally heated & uPVC double glazed detached bungalow envially situated at head of cul de sac within reasonable distance of Sedgley's Bull Ring & all associated amenities. Accommodation provides reception hall, double cloak cupboard, two double bedrooms (both with wardrobes), bathroom, spacious 20'8" living/dining room with patio doors, kitchen, lengthy drive, brick garage, secluded rear garden. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

Price: **£155,000****KINGSWINFORD****£5,000 REDUCTION****Randall Close**

A SUBSTANTIALLY EXTENDED LINK-DETACHED FAMILY HOME which REQUIRES IMPROVEMENT and is well placed upon the fringes of the popular High Acres development, providing an EXCEPTIONALLY WELL PROPORTIONED layout of accommodation with much potential, comprising: 24 + Reception Hall, ground floor Shower Room, large Lounge with Dining Room off, Study, small Sitting Room/Bedroom Four, 21 + Kitchen, THREE GOOD SIZED BEDROOMS, en fitted Bathroom, GAS CENTRAL HEATING and uPVC DOUBLE GLAZING. LARGE BLOCK-PAVED DRIVEWAY and rear garden. KINGSWINFORD OFFICE 01384 401777

£154,950**GORNAL WOOD****Mount Close**

This beautifully presented, uPVC double glazed, gas centrally heated semi detached home is situated in a quiet, cul-de-sac and is well worthy of internal inspection. The surprisingly spacious property briefly comprises entrance hall, open plan lounge/dining room, refitted/enlarged kitchen, study/sitting room, three bedrooms, refitted bathroom with white suite, driveway & rear garden. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

Offers in the region of **£154,950****KINGSWINFORD****NEW PRICE****Arlington Close**

Enjoying a superb cul de sac setting within this very popular address, just off Stream Road, this MODERN SEMI-DETACHED FAMILY HOME requires updating, but offers FANTASTIC POTENTIAL, providing SPACIOUS and VERY WELL PROPORTIONED accommodation including part uPVC double glazing and comprising: reception hall, spacious full depth lounge with dining area, kitchen, THREE BEDROOMS, bathroom and separate W.C. With attractive foregarden with lawn/conifer trees, DRIVEWAY, GARAGE and ATTRACTIVELY LAID OUT REAR GARDEN. KINGSWINFORD OFFICE 01384 401777

£147,950**WORDSLEY****Ashdene Gardens**

Superbly located within this delightful cul de sac upon the very popular and highly sought after Forest Lawns / Ashwood Park development, this SUCCESSFULLY EXTENDED MODERN SEMI-DETACHED FAMILY HOME offers VERY SPACIOUS and WELL PROPORTIONED accommodation, including GAS CENTRAL HEATING, uPVC DOUBLE GLAZING and comprising: reception hall, spacious full depth lounge with dining area, extended kitchen with built-in appliances, THREE BEDROOMS and refitted shower room. With LARGE TARMAC DRIVEWAY, GARAGE and pleasantly secluded rear garden. KINGSWINFORD OFFICE 01384 401777

£144,950**COSELEY****Oldfield Road, Hurst Hill**

An EXTENDED, gas centrally heated (combi boiler) & uPVC double glazed semi detached in favoured cul de sac with distant views & close to so many amenities. Superb, tremendously modernised accommodation includes reception hall, lounge with bay, dining room, store, EXTENDED 15'8" DINING KITCHEN with patio doors, laundry, fitted cloakroom. Three bedrooms (third bedroom has been enlarged), bathroom, Garage (presently sub-divided to create playroom & store room), secluded landscaped rear garden with many features. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

Offers in the region of **£142,950****WOODSETTON****NEW PRICE****Bermuda Close**

A conscientiously maintained, gas centrally heated (combi boiler) & uPVC double glazed semi detached in short/convenient cul de sac comprising entrance vestibule, reception hall, kitchen & walk through store/rear lobby beyond, transverse lounge, large P-shape brick/uPVC double glazed CONSERVATORY, three generous bedrooms (two with wardrobes), bathroom, garage, slabbed garden. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

Offers in the region of **£141,500****PENSNETT****£5,000 REDUCTION****The Plantation**

A MODERN MUCKLOW SEMI DETACHED FAMILY HOUSE, which is delightfully placed within this small sought after development, REQUIRING UPDATING and providing much potential to enhance the GENEROUS layout, which includes: GAS CENTRAL HEATING, part uPVC DOUBLE GLAZING, entrance porch, reception hall, LARGE LOUNGE, separate dining room, kitchen, THREE LARGE BEDROOMS and bathroom. Front garden, DRIVEWAY, GARAGE and a pleasant sunny rear garden with private rear aspect. KINGSWINFORD OFFICE: 01384 401777

£129,950**COSELEY****NEW PRICE****Denise Drive**

TREMENDOUS POTENTIAL - A comparatively spacious, freehold, gas centrally heated & double glazed semi detached for modernisation set virtually at head of favoured cul de sac in well regarded district convenient for so many amenities. Accommodation provides reception hall, lounge with bay, dining room with patio doors, kitchen, outer lobby, store. Three bedrooms (potential to further enlarge third bedroom into eaves), bathroom, separate toilet, integral garage, secluded rear garden (in need of attention). SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

Offers in the region of **£124,950****DUDLEY****NO UPWARD CHAIN****Dingle Close**

Positioned in this established residential location, at the head of a cul-de-sac this is extended, gas centrally heated and uPVC double glazed traditional styled three bedroom semi detached residence in need of selective modernisation yet offering excellent potential and comprising, porch, hall, dining room, lounge, extended kitchen, 3 first floor bedrooms, bathroom, neatly laid out garden to the rear, garage, driveway, combi/condensing boiler, no upward chain. BRIERLEY HILL OFFICE 01384 265265

£122,950**DUDLEY****NO UPWARD CHAIN****Marlow Close**

This fully uPVC double glazed, gas centrally heated, three bedroomed semi detached home is situated in a quiet cul-de-sac, and is available with no upward chain. The property would now ideally benefit from cosmetic improvement / updating and briefly comprises: Entrance Hall, Lounge, Dining Room, Kitchen, Three Bedrooms, Shower Room, Sauna, useful Store (former Garage), Driveway and a level rear Garden. BRIERLEY HILL OFFICE 01384 265265

Offers in the Region Of **£114,950****DUDLEY****LOVELY REAR GARDEN****Hampton Street**

THIS BEAUTIFULLY PRESENTED AND THOUGHTFULLY IMPROVED, MODERN THREE BEDROOM HOME affords an excellent layout with uPVC DOUBLE GLAZING AND GAS CENTRAL HEATING to comprise: Entrance Hall, Attractive Sitting Room, REALLY LOVELY DINING KITCHEN, Three Bedrooms and Splendid Bathroom with white corner suite / separate shower cubicle. Tidy foregarden, Garage and with a STUNNING REAR GARDEN. BRIERLEY HILL OFFICE 01384 265265

Offers in the Region Of **£109,950****HOLLY HALL****Buxton Road**

This well presented, traditional style, three bedroomed semi detached home is situated in an established residential location and may particularly appeal to first time buyers or young families. Accommodation briefly comprises: Entrance Hall, through Lounge, re-fitted Kitchen, Guest WC, three good Bedrooms, Shower Room and a pleasant rear Garden. BRIERLEY HILL OFFICE 01384 265265

Offers around **£99,950****KINGSWINFORD****NEW PRICE****Firs Road**

Pleasantly located at the head of this cul-de-sac close to the heart of Kingswinford, this SUCCESSFULLY EXTENDED SEMI-DETACHED HOUSE requires some updating, but offers much potential, providing VERY SPACIOUS accommodation, including GAS CENTRAL HEATING, uPVC DOUBLE GLAZING and comprising: reception hall, lounge, separate dining area, fitted kitchen, office / separate dining room, TWO DOUBLE BEDROOMS and refitted bathroom. Set back beyond the front garden with lawn / shrubs and enjoying a rear garden with patio, greenhouse and vegetable garden. KINGSWINFORD OFFICE 01384 401777

£99,950**COSELEY****Avenue Road**

NO UPWARD CHAIN. This traditional style, vast majority uPVC double glazed, gas centrally heated semi detached home is conveniently situated for local amenities and may particularly appeal to first time buyers or young families. The property, which would now ideally benefit from sympathetic improvement/ upgrading, briefly comprises entrance porch, hall, lounge, dining room, kitchen, three bedrooms, refitted bathroom with white suite, garage, driveway & rear garden. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

Offers in the region of **£99,950****COSELEY****Broad Street**

Tremendously modernised, enhanced & improved. Freehold, uPVC DOUBLE GLAZED, and gas centrally heated (combi boiler) semi detached conveniently situated within shops, bus/rail transport routes in well regarded district. Accommodation provides, reception hall, separate dining room, lounge (with double French doors out to the garden), refitted kitchen, Three bedrooms, reapportioned bathroom with a stylish white contemporary suite. Off road parking (kerb dropped), and delightful, expertly tended secluded rear garden, brick store (with potential). SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

Offers in the region of **£95,000****DUDLEY****NO UPWARD CHAIN****Cromwell Drive**

Situated in an established residential location, and enjoying panoramic views to the rear, this traditional style, three bedroomed semi-detached family home would ideally benefit from cosmetic improvement and updating, yet offers excellent potential, and may represent an ideal first time buy. With majority uPVC double glazing and a gas central heating system, the property briefly comprises: entrance hall, lounge, dining room, kitchen, downstairs w.c., breakfast room, three bedrooms, bathroom, driveway, and a lengthy rear garden. BRIERLEY HILL OFFICE 01384 265265

£89,950**KINGSWINFORD****NEW PRICE****Catesby Drive**

Superbly located within this pleasant cul de sac upon the highly respected Charterfields development which is well placed for local shops and amenities, this MODERN, SPACIOUS FIRST FLOOR ONE BEDROOM FLAT requires updating and improvement but offers much potential, providing a VERY WELL PROPORTIONED LAYOUT of accommodation, enhanced by a GARAGE to the rear and comprising: private ground floor entrance hall, first floor landing, spacious lounge with ample dining space, inner hall, kitchen, double bedroom and bathroom. KINGSWINFORD OFFICE 01384 401777

£69,950**DUDLEY****Attingham Drive, 'Sovereign Heights'**

50% SHARE. A comparatively SPACIOUS, Upvc double glazed Ground Floor Apartment having a slightly larger design than others on the development, and representing an ideal opportunity for first time buyers where the present owners 50% share is available for sale. 'Entry phone' style security system to entrance lobby (front & rear) and the apartment comprising: central reception hall, 16 ft through living room with patio doors, and a well equipped kitchen section having a range of stylish 'maspie' effect units & various integrated appliances, and a shower room (en suite), bathroom with a white suite. Communal grounds, allocated parking. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

Offers in the region of **£51,500** for vendors 50% share**DUDLEY****Attingham Drive, 'Sovereign Heights'**

50% SHARE. A stylish, comparatively spacious, uPVC double glazed Top Floor Apartment with tremendous DISTANT VIEWS upon well established development representing an ideal opportunity for first time buyers where the present vendors 50% share is available for sale. There is an 'entry phone' style security system to communal areas, and the apartment comprises: central reception hall, open plan living room/kitchen with fine range of 'rich' effect units, various integrated appliances & a balcony. TWO BEDROOMS (bedroom one with fitted wardrobes and a balcony), bathroom with a white suite. Communal grounds, allocated parking. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

Offers in the region of **£48,950** for vendors 50% share**KINGSWINFORD****NEW PRICE****Bartic Avenue**

£16,950 FOR 25% SHARE. An excellent opportunity for first time buyers to get onto the property ladder, this IMPRESSIVELY SPACIOUS, MODERN FIRST FLOOR FLAT requires some updating but offers FANTASTIC POTENTIAL, providing GENUINELY PROPORTIONED accommodation, including uPVC DOUBLE GLAZING and comprising: Private ground floor Entrance Hall, first floor Landing, very spacious Lounge with ample dining space, Kitchen, Double Bedroom and Bathroom, OFF-ROAD PARKING is available within the COMMUNAL PARKING AREA. KINGSWINFORD OFFICE 01384 401777

£16,950



RODENBOYDELL

LARKS VIEW



BALVENIE WAY

A five bedroom detached home that briefly comprises a reception hall, a guest cloakroom, a lounge, a dining room, a breakfast kitchen, a utility room, a master bedroom en-suite, four further bedrooms, a family bathroom, UPVC double glazing, gas fired central heating, a garage and a pleasant rear garden.

£214,950

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WEXFORD CLOSE

A four bedroom detached home that briefly comprises a reception hall, a lounge, a family room/dining room, a superb fitted breakfast kitchen, a utility room, a downstairs wc, a master bedroom en suite, three further bedrooms, a family bathroom, UPVC double glazing where stated, gas fired central heating, a garage, a pleasant rear garden and panoramic views to the front of the property.

£209,950

MILKING BANK



ASCOT DRIVE

A three-bedroom detached home that briefly comprises a reception hall, a lounge, a sitting room / dining room, a spacious breakfast kitchen, a utility room, a downstairs w/c, three bedrooms, a bathroom, UPVC double-glazing, gas fired central heating, a garage and a landscaped rear garden.

£179,950

SEDGLEY



LIMES VIEW

A three bedroom detached home that briefly comprises a reception hall, a lounge, a dining room, a breakfast kitchen, a downstairs wc, three bedrooms, a bathroom, UPVC double glazing where stated, gas fired central heating, a garage and a pleasant rear garden.

£174,950

SEDGLEY



QUEENS ROAD

A three bedroom detached home that briefly comprises a reception hall, a guest cloakroom, a lounge, a dining room, a fitted kitchen with a range of integrated appliances, three bedrooms, a bathroom, double glazing, gas fired central heating, detached double garage and a pleasant rear garden.

£169,950

HURST HILL



KING STREET

A three bedroom detached home that briefly comprises a reception hall, a guest cloakroom, a lounge, a dining room, a conservatory, a fitted kitchen with a range of integrated appliances, a utility room, an occasional room, three bedrooms, a shower room, UPVC double glazing, gas fired central heating and a lovely rear garden with distant views.

£169,950

SEDGLEY



WOODBANK ROAD

A three bedroom semi-detached home that briefly comprises a reception hall, a lounge, a dining room, a conservatory, a superb fitted kitchen with a range of integrated appliances, a utility room, a downstairs wc, a master bedroom en suite, two further bedrooms, a shower room, double glazing, gas fired central heating, a garage and a rear garden.

£169,950

LOWER GORNAL



STRAITS ROAD

A two bedroom detached home that briefly comprises a reception hall, a guest cloakroom, a lounge, a superb dining kitchen with a comprehensive range of integrated appliances, two double bedrooms, a bathroom, UPVC double glazing, gas fired central heating and pleasant gardens.

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£159,950

LOWER GORNAL



TENNYSON ROAD

A three-bedroom semi-detached home that briefly comprises a reception hall, an open plan lounge / dining room, a superb fitted kitchen, three bedrooms, a bathroom, UPVC double-glazing, gas fired central heating, a garage and a lovely rear garden.

£152,950

LARKS VIEW



BEAUMARIS CLOSE

A three bedroom semi-detached home that briefly comprises a reception porch, an open plan lounge/dining room, a breakfast kitchen with a range of integrated appliances, a master bedroom en suite, two further bedrooms, a family bathroom, UPVC double glazing, gas fired central heating, a garage and a lovely rear garden.

£149,950

SEDGLEY



EASTLEIGH

A three bedroom semi-detached home that briefly comprises a reception porch, a reception hall, a lounge, a dining room, a breakfast room, a fitted kitchen, three bedrooms, a shower room, UPVC double glazing, gas fired central heating, a driveway at the side of the property, a rear garden and a storage shed.

£139,950

FAIRVIEW PARK



DIBDALE ROAD WEST

A three-bedroom semi-detached home that briefly comprises a reception hall, a guest cloakroom, a lounge, a dining kitchen, three bedrooms, a bathroom, UPVC double-glazing, gas fired central heating, a garage and a pleasant rear garden.

£139,950

COSELEY



CROWESBRIDGE MEWS

A three bedroom detached home that briefly comprises a reception porch, a reception hall, a guest cloakroom, a lounge, a dining room, a conservatory, a fitted breakfast kitchen with a range of integrated appliances, three bedrooms, a bathroom, UPVC double glazing where stated, gas fired central heating, a garage and a rear garden.

£134,995

SEDGLEY



SANDYFIELDS ROAD

A three bedroom semi-detached home that briefly comprises a reception porch, a reception hall, a spacious lounge, a kitchen, three bedrooms, a bathroom, a 36ft garage, a workshop, double glazing where stated and a lovely rear garden with distant views.

£134,950

EARLS KEEP



HOPTON GARDENS

A two bedroom mews style home that briefly comprises a reception hall, a lounge, a dining kitchen with a range of integrated appliances, two bedrooms, a bathroom, UPVC double glazing, gas fired central heating, parking for two cars and a pleasant rear garden with distant views.

£119,950

LOWER GORNAL



SHADWELL DRIVE

A three bedroom semi-detached home that briefly comprises a reception hall, a guest cloakroom, a lounge, a superb dining kitchen with a range of integrated appliances, three double bedrooms, a bathroom, UPVC double glazing, gas fired central heating, a driveway and a pleasant rear garden.

£119,950

COSELEY



CROWESBRIDGE MEWS

A two-bedroom semi-detached home that briefly comprises a reception porch, a lounge, a dining kitchen, two bedrooms, a bathroom, UPVC double-glazing, gas fired central heating, a driveway and a lovely rear garden.

£114,950

COSELEY



ANDERSLEIGH DRIVE

A two-bedroom end of terraced home that briefly comprises a reception hall, a lounge, a dining kitchen, two bedrooms, a bathroom, UPVC double-glazing where stated, Economy 7 heating, a driveway and a pleasant rear garden.

£104,950

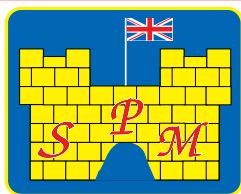
UPPER GORNAL



HILL STREET

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NEW



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STOURBRIDGE

NEW



MANOR LANE
£440 pcm
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WORDSLEY

NEW



VERITY WALK
£725 pcm
Detached Property, Lounge, Dining Room, Kitchen, WC, Utility, Four Bedrooms, En suite, Family Bathroom with Shower, Gas Central Heating, Double Glazing, Front, Side & Rear Garden, Garage, Off Road Parking

BRIERLEY HILL

NEW



HAWBUSH GARDENS
£395 pcm
Ground Floor Flat, Entrance Hall, Lounge, Kitchen, One Bedroom, Bathroom, Electric Heating, Double Glazing, Part Furnished

BROCKMOOR

NEW



STATION ROAD
£525 pcm
Semi Detached Property, Lounge, Kitchen, WC, Two Bedrooms, Bathroom, Gas Central Heating, Double Glazing, Garage, Off Road Parking

WORDSLEY

NEW



CROWNOKES DRIVE
£575 pcm
Ground Floor Flat, Lounge/Diner, Kitchen, Two Bedrooms, En suite, Bathroom, Gas Central Heating, Double Glazing, Unfurnished, Maintained Gardens, Allocated Parking

WALL HEATH

NEW



MILE FLAT
£750 pcm
Semi Detached Property, Lounge, Kitchen, Dining Room, Utility, Three Bedrooms, Bathroom, Gas Central Heating, Double Glazing, Front, Side and Rear Gardens, Unfurnished

WORDSLEY

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JOHN STREET
£575 PCM
End Terrace Property, Entrance Hall, Two Reception Rooms, Kitchen, Three Bedrooms, Bathroom, Rear Garden, Garage, Unfurnished, Gas Central Heating, Double Glazing

BRIERLEY HILL

NEW



DADFORD VIEW
£450 pcm
Cluster Style Property, Lounge, Kitchen, Two Bedrooms, Bathroom, Off Road Parking, Double Glazing, Gas Central Heating

WORDSLEY

NEW



MANOR ROAD
£560 pcm
Mid Terrace Property, Lounge, Kitchen/Diner, Three Bedrooms, Bathroom with Shower, Gas Central Heating, Double Glazing, Front & Rear Garden, Off Road Parking, Unfurnished

DUDLEY

NEW



HILDERIC CRESCENT
£575 pcm
Semi Detached Property, Lounge, Dining Room, Kitchen, Utility, Three Bedrooms, Bathroom, Gas Central Heating, Off Road Parking

WORDSLEY



KENILWORTH CLOSE
£625 pcm
Semi Detached Bungalow, Lounge, Kitchen, Two Double Bedrooms, Bathroom, Gas Central Heating, Double Glazing, Unfurnished, Front & Rear Gardens, Off Road Parking, Garage

KINGSWINFORD



DUDLEY ROAD
£725 pcm
Semi Detached Property, Entrance Hall, Lounge, Large Kitchen/Diner, Three Bedrooms, Bathroom, Double Glazing, Gas Central Heating, Off Road Parking, Completely refurbished

GREAT BRIDGE



EAGLE PLACE
£370 pcm
Second Floor Flat, Lounge, Kitchen, One Bedroom, Bathroom, Electric Heating, Private Parking, Security Entrance

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GREEN STREET
£475 pcm
Traditional Terrace House, Two Reception Rooms, Kitchen, Two Bedrooms, Ground Floor Shower Room, Gas Central Heating, Rear Yard

TIPTON



SEDGLEY ROAD WEST
£425 pcm
First Floor Flat, Entrance, Lounge, Kitchen, Two Bedrooms, Bathroom, Gas Central Heating, Double Glazing, Unfurnished, Available Immediately

PENSNETT



HIGH STREET
£550 pcm
Semi Detached Property, Large Lounge, Dining Room, Kitchen, Three Bedrooms, Bathroom, Double Glazing, Gas Central Heating, Off Road Parking, Unfurnished

BRIERLEY HILL



FOXDALE DRIVE
£395 pcm
Purpose Built Flat, Lounge, Kitchen, Two Bedrooms, Bathroom with Shower, Off Road Parking, Unfurnished, Double Glazing, Electric Heating

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BROAD MEADOW
£650 pcm
Semi Detached Property, Lounge, Kitchen, Cloakroom, Three Bedrooms, Bathroom, Gas Central Heating, Double Glazing, Unfurnished, Front & Rear Gardens, Single Garage

DUDLEY



SALOP STREET
£350 pcm
Ground Floor Flat, Lounge, Kitchen, Bathroom with Shower, One Bedroom, Gas Central Heating, Double Glazing, DSS considered. No Pets.

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MURDOCH DRIVE
£635 pcm
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QUINTON



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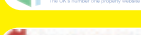
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COSELEY Providence Row



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WOMBOURNE Cranwell Green



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WOODSETTON Chartwell Close



A three bedroom semi detached house with converted garage, lounge with dining area, conservatory, gardens to the front and rear and driveway

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A three bedroom three storey end terrace house that has been recently refurbished throughout with hallway, lounge, kitchen, downstairs wc, two bedrooms and bathroom on first floor and master bedroom on second floor. Secure entry system and allocated parking

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DUDLEY Priory Road



A four bed semi-detached house with garage, lounge, dining room and fitted kitchen, downstairs WC/shower and upstairs bathroom with shower over the bath. Off road parking to the front, patio and enclosed rear garden. Unfurnished.

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Hybrid proves a no-fuss option



want to feel as green as it is possible to feel behind the wheel, there's not much that can top the sensation of humming along in virtual silence as an electric motor delivers your forward motion.

Toyota has spent more than a decade refining and improving its hybrid drive system and at the same time has spread it over an increasing range of models.

Now it is offering the still-fresh Yaris supermini in hybrid form for the first time.

It's hard to spot that dual-power Yaris from its conventionally powered cousins. Toyota hybrid geeks will notice the blue-tinted badge

at the front and a discreet 'Hybrid Synergy Drive' applique at the rear, but the biggest change is arguably the most beneficial.

Due to the extra cooling demands of the hybrid system, there is a substantially larger grille at the front and the bumper has been restyled to accommodate it. It gives the Yaris Hybrid a bit more presence than the standard car and is all the better for it.

Mechanically, though, there are no great surprises in store, just a few small detail tweaks to the hybrid recipe.

The Yaris Hybrid uses essentially the same set up as the Auris Hybrid but with the four-cylinder petrol engine downsized to a more suitable 1.5-litres.

Unchanged

Sandwiched into the Yaris's underbody is the petrol engine, inverter, electric motor and battery pack – but even more impressive than that, cabin space is unchanged over the standard car.

Slotting all this tech into the diminutive Yaris inevitably means an impressive set of stats.

The headline figures of 80.7mpg combined and 79g/km are spectacularly low, on a par with the best eco-diesel superminis and significantly better than any rival petrol-powered car.

It also has a significant advantage over conventionally powered rivals in that it can operate in all-electric mode.

There's very little to distinguish the Yaris Hybrid from its siblings once you've climbed inside.

The cabin is identical apart from a slightly different instrument display to keep you updated on the actions of the powertrain. It might not be the most exciting interior

but it is obviously well built, with sizeable buttons and clear displays. Start it up and drive away with the car in Eco mode and whenever possible the Yaris will accelerate smoothly and silently away solely on electric power.

That doesn't necessarily mean slowly either, as you need a strong prod of the accelerator to get it to jump into petrol power. That's a real boon in the city as you can stay electric below 31mph but still keep in the swim of traffic.

When the 1.5-litre petrol engine does kick in, it does so without any huge fuss, and unless you have the right pedal pinned to the carpet, there's very little in the way of noise.

The system drives through a CVT gearbox for maximum efficiency, although the flip side to this is a steady hum from the engine when full acceleration is called for – but that shouldn't be very often in a car this frugal.

When driven with care and restraint, the Yaris Hybrid is in its element, and keeping a close eye on the system status in the instrument cluster promotes a thrifty driving style.

Do so and your reward is not only low fuel consumption but also low noise as the petrol engine falls silent when not needed. Adding to the relaxing experience is the fact that the suspension does a good job of soaking up bumps, and while it's no limousine, the Yaris Hybrid is a relaxed drive. The flipside is that the Yaris is not as much fun as some of its keen rivals and anyone looking for an eco-supermini with a sporty flavour is looking in the wrong place.

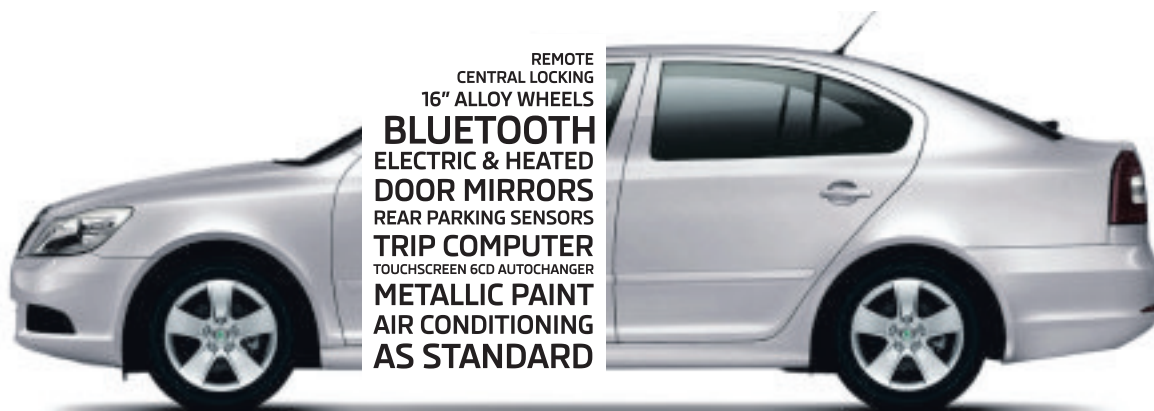
However, the Yaris Hybrid is very good at what it is designed to do; provide a fuss-free, highly economical drive with the potential for all-electric running and do so while offering a good specification and the solid Toyota reputation.

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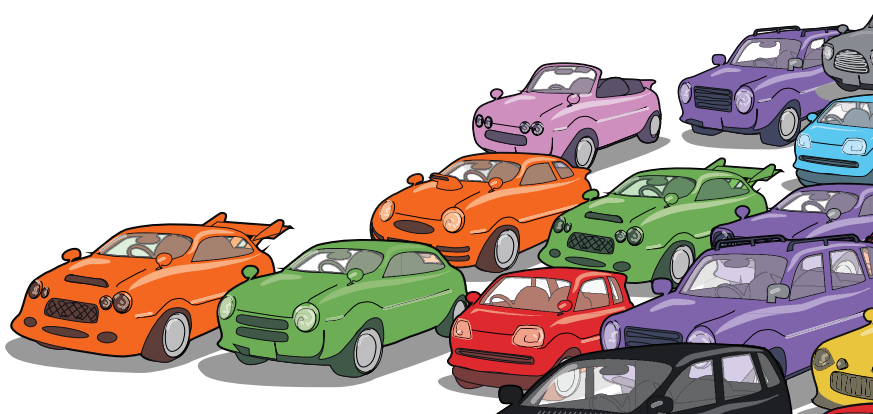
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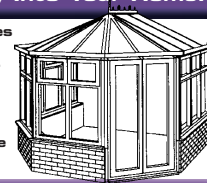
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Easy win as Town flower in the Vase

Stafford Town 0 Tipton Town 3
TIPTON TOWN moved through this FA Vase tie with a convincing victory.

They scored with the first shot of the game in the 22nd minute when Matt Martin cut in from the left wing and hit a shot from 40 yards over Richard Stone and into the top corner of the net.

With lower league Stafford's confidence dented they suffered another blow six minutes later.

With Ben Henderson off the field receiving treatment a ball into their penalty area bobbed up and hit a defender's arm. Although it appeared accidental the referee gave a penalty, which Mitch Plows converted.

Stone saved well from Nathan Waite but he was beaten again in the 37th minute when Plows shot with the outside of his foot and the ball curled away from the keeper.

Stafford came out fired up for the second half but visiting keeper Jack Hayfield pulled off a great reaction save to keep out Paul McMahon's header and Ishmale Reid's free-kick struck the inside of the post.

Ace Jones stuns the world No.3

BRIERLEY HILL'S Mark Jones stunned James Wade by scoring a win over the world No.3 in the latest events of darts' PDC Players Championship.

Jones took the 11th and last leg of their third round tie at the Bursley Metrodome, winning 6-5.

Steve Maish ended his challenge in the fourth round after another match that went the distance, 6-5, with Jones opening the day with two straight wins.

The 42-year-old plasterer saw off Matt Clark by 6-1 in the first round and then beat William O'Connor 6-4, with Jones also reaching the fourth round on Saturday.

Walsh saw off Tony Littleton 6-1 and Sam Hill 6-2 to progress to a tough tie against rising Belgian Kim Huybrechts, who was edged out 6-4 after a close contest.

Then came Simon Whitlock, who beat Jones on the way to his first PDC ranking title for two years, again by 6-4. Dutchman Michael van Gerwen won on Saturday.



Rich Kelley changes the angle of attack for DK



Gareth Bown dives over for a Dudley Kingswinford try



Bown slots a penalty

Lions are tamed after stirring DK comeback

Dudley Kingswinford 32 Leicester Lions 29
DUDLEY recorded their first win of this season after a second-half comeback of epic proportions against Leicester Lions.

They overturned a 16-point deficit in the last quarter of the National League Two (North) game, sealing their first win of the season with three super tries in 12 minutes.

Lions are a strong side, but it was largely DK's poor discipline and even poorer lineup performance that had gifted their visitors so much territory and possession resulting in Lion's substantial 24-8 advantage deep into the second half.

The introduction of Al Francis, Joe Carpenter and Gareth Bown in the second period saw DK play with new found urgency and drive that Lions were simply unable to match or counter and though the visitors managed a last gasp try, there was to be no denying a relieved DK a hard-fought but deserved victory.

DK's pack had to work hard to keep the lively Lions eight in check with no one working harder than man of the match Jon Tideswell.

Lions went 3-0 up after seven minutes with centre John Boden stroking over a kick and the lead was increased to 8-0 on 10 when flanker Tom Morris was easily shunted over.

DK pulled three points back with a Jon Higgins penalty but John Boden kicked another penalty for Lions after 20 minutes.

Duncan Chance raced through for DK's first, unconverted try, but they then let it slip again as Boden kicked two late penalties for a 17-8 lead. Worse followed as the influential

Rugby Union

Pete Knight was yellow carded in first half stoppage time for handling in the ruck.

DK, took the game to the Lions and attacked in depth but an over-ambitious pass led to John Lowden intercepting, racing through for Lions, Boden's conversion extending the lead to 24-7.

DK suddenly upped the intensity of their game, and were back to 15 men. Gareth Bown began the comeback with a 58th minute try and added the conversion.

With their tails up, DK scored again on 65 minutes through Stefan Shillingford, Bown adding the extras to take DK within two points.

On 70 minutes, Knight set up the try of the game, scored by Chris Perry.

The unerring Bown's conversion saw DK ahead for the first time and he added a 73rd minute penalty to give DK a crucial eight point cushion. Lions were given a flicker of hope with Lowden's second try.

Pub spirits high after darts double ends in win



The Blue Brick pub darts teams celebrate after the finals of the Marston's Darts Championship 2012

A SPORTS-LOVING pub in Brierley Hill scored a double top with two teams through to the finals of the Marston's Darts Championship 2012.

The Blue Brick pub on Dudley Road had its A and B teams drawn against each other in a semi-final, with the A team going through to the last nail-

biting decider. There they beat the Rock and Fountain from Shrewsbury 6-3 to enable captain Jeff Batham to lift the cup and £1,000 prize.

The finals were held at the Nunsfield House Social Club in Alvaston, Derbyshire and featured the last eight sides from a starting total of 261

teams from across the UK. Vicky Male, of Marston's, said: "It is great to see that traditional pub sports such as darts are alive and kicking."

"The matches have attracted a great deal of interest in the participating pubs and we expect next year's tournament to be bigger than ever."

Benbow brings in the points with goal

Hitchin Town 0 Stourbridge 1
A GOAL 10 minutes from time by substitute Luke Benbow gave Stourbridge the victory.

He capitalised on an error by Zak Burke to bag the only goal of the game.

After a slow start, Hitchin's ace marksman John Frendo drilled a shot over the bar with a quarter-of-an-hour gone.

Six minutes later Lewis Solly was called upon to make the only real save of the half as Frendo laid the ball back to Daniel Delderfield, who fired in an angled shot from the right-hand side of the box that Solly parried away.

Stourbridge looked for a quick response and two minutes later Chris Knight blazed an effort off-target.

Hitchin threatened again then the visitors had a couple of opportunities just before the break. Drew Canavan had a run on the Hitchin goal after Louis Lee was dispossessed in mid-field, but his shot was deflected for a corner.

Both teams had chances in the second half before Stourbridge were gifted the winner when Burke's wayward pass went straight to Benbow, who rounded the keeper before firing home.

Hat-trick spurs seventh heaven

Trysull Tigers West U14 3
DUDLEY took a resounding victory against a very good Trysull side. Liam Cullen scored a hat-trick, George Taylor 2, Chad Derrick 1 and Lewis Hale 1.

Trysull Tigers East U14 0
Dudley found Trysull East very hard to break down but did in the last minute of the game with Jack Turner brilliantly beating the keeper from close range.

Rangers facing a tough fixture

BLACK Country Rangers, of the West Midlands Premier Division, have a tough FA Vase first round tie away at Westfields, second in the Alliance last season, on Saturday, October 13.

Tipton Town are at AFC Wulfrunians. There's an all-West Midlands League tie as Gornal host Lye Town.



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Joe proud to pull on jacket for Heathens

JOE Haines is relishing the prospect of his home debut for Dudley Heathens at Monmore Green next Tuesday.

The British Under-21 Champion was snapped up as injury cover for skipper Adam Royon last week and will take his place in the play-off semi-final.

And he's determined to help the former Cradley club to glory in his brief spell in the famous green, red and white.

Haines said: "I'm proud and honoured to be riding for Dudley and I'm going to do my very best to carry on the good work put in by Adam."

"I suppose it's a case of going straight in at the deep end! For me to be doing the play-offs is brilliant although I understand totally that Adam wants to be back next month, which is fine."

And Haines has revealed how part of his deal to join the Heathens prevents him from wearing his Wolverhampton colours.

He said: "I've done some Elite League meetings with Wolves and I am a Wolverhampton asset, but I was told I can't wear my Wolves racersuit out of respect for the history of the two clubs."

"That's fine by me and I will be proud to pull on the Heathens race jacket. I know all about the tradition of the club."

"I'm hoping to play my part in scoring some points to get us into the final and then see what happens. It's important to ride Wolverhampton well and get a big lead."

"If we get to the final then that's great, and if Adam is fit that's fine with me. I'm just happy to come in and help them out."

Darts gains new league

A NEW darts league is to be launched for the north of Dudley, covering Sedgley and Gornal.

Teams can field between six and 12 players and the format will be six games of singles and three doubles. The league will be open to men and women and start on October 2.

Any pub or club interested can register at a meeting at the Jolly Crispin, in Clarence Street, Upper Gornal, on September 30 at 11am. More details from Rob Carey on 01902 672220 or 07811 453285.



Dudley's Steve Edmunds, left, tangles with Steve Faux



Armlock time for Patrick Ellis, left and Rion Francis Mills



Eyes down with Dudley on the ball in the 1-1 draw

AWAY POINT GIVES ROBINS NEW HOPE

Wellington Town 1 Dudley Town 1
TEN-MAN Dudley Town ended a barren run of three consecutive defeats with an encouraging draw against West Midlands Premier Division newcomers Wellington Amateurs.

The Robins, the only side to defeat The Ams this season thanks to a late Dreniz Bala winner in August, continued to have their team selection affected by injury and holiday.

With Ross Love unavailable, James Weston continued to partner Rob Whitley at the back while Anthony Cox and Alex Cowley were sidelined with injury.

Things did not get off to a good start for the visitors when in the early stages influential midfielder Karl Gardner was forced off with a recurrence of an injury which has dogged his time at The Dell.

Both sides looked hungry and while Danny Ludlow just cleared the crossbar, Tommy Harper at the other end had to be on fine form to keep out former Shifnal Town striker Chris Henry from close range.

Clashed

It was an even first half, and although retaining the parity, the second would prove to be the much more eventful of the two periods.

Steve Edmunds had made a fine start to the season, but when he clashed with Chris Brownlow at high speed in the 62nd minute the referee had no choice but to raise a red card to the right-back.

But much like the contest with Causeway a fortnight earlier, being reduced to 10 men raised The Robins' game.

Keeper Steve Bray did well to deflect a Rion Francis-Mills shot round the post, although he was not so lucky from the corner as

Dudley Town

Grant Joshua headed the John Watkins kick home.

Dudley were only ahead for seven minutes when they conceded. A tangle between Tommy Harper and Wellington forwards Steve Faux and Damien Currier brought the scores level when Faux prodded home the loose ball. There was much protest from the Dudley backline as they felt the ball had been handled by Currier.

Both sides could have snatched the three points in the closing stages of the contest, which would have been unfair to either party. The best chance for the hosts fell to Currier whose tame header was easily held by Harper.

Substitute Andy Burgess and Rion Francis-Mills forced Bray into saves in the closing period.

Dudley can take great heart from this performance, with a depleted squad stopping the losing run that has hung over the side since the tremendous 2-1 FA Cup victory at Halesowen Town three weeks ago.

The Robins were looking to build on this impressive point when playing host to early season strugglers Wolverhampton Sporting Community last night.

Golf club chip in to sponsor young footballers



What's this? Football kit on the Himley greens? Himley Hall Golf Centre have sponsored the Bridgnorth Town Blue under-12 soccer side. Pictured are Alan Baker, of the golf centre, with players, from left, Ralph Davies, Freddie Writtle, Joe Wagstaff, Alex Henfrey and Taelor McDougall. The centre's backing has certainly proved no handicap - Bridgnorth beat Madeley Sports 12-0 and are now top of the Telford Junior C League after two matches.

Skills not foiled by dramas

Willenhall 0 Dudley Sports 4
WILLENHALL had substitute Josh Edwards sent off - and their entire management team with him as both benches became involved in heated exchanges.

But the unsavoury scenes did not take the gloss off Dudley Sports' performance.

Sports hit the post and bar and forced a couple of good saves but Willenhall also went close through Jan Trapszo's flying header and a good effort by Reece Leek.

Sports made the breakthrough three minutes from the break when Jack Moor was in the right place to fire home after a defensive slip.

The Lockmen were denied a penalty.

Sports' Luke Williams hit a shot from 35 yards that took a nasty bounce to deceive Jordan Ellis and stretch the lead on 52 minutes.

Williams did it again 15 minutes from time when his rocket shot dipped right into the top corner. Edwards then saw another effort blocked on the line before Craig Stevens' stunning lob wrapped up the scoring on 87 minutes. There was time for Edwards to be dismissed when arguments broke out.

Colts hit for six by Sedgley girls

Sedgley White Lions Girls U14 6 Withymoor Colts Girls 0

SEDGLEY got off to a flier in their first match of the season, leading 2-0 after 10 minutes thanks to Bethany Male and Brittane Lote.

Male bagged the third and fourth goals to complete her hat-trick. Mary Billington Brown scored the goal of the match and Phoebe Cox rounded off the scoring.

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